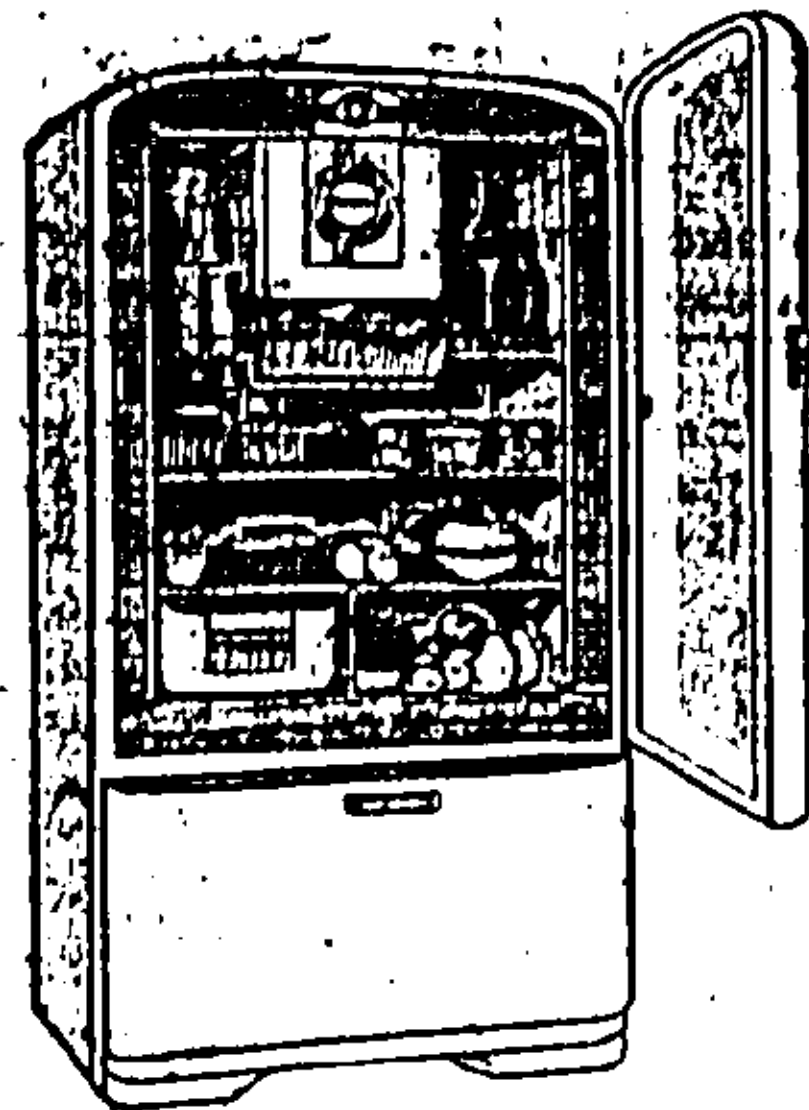




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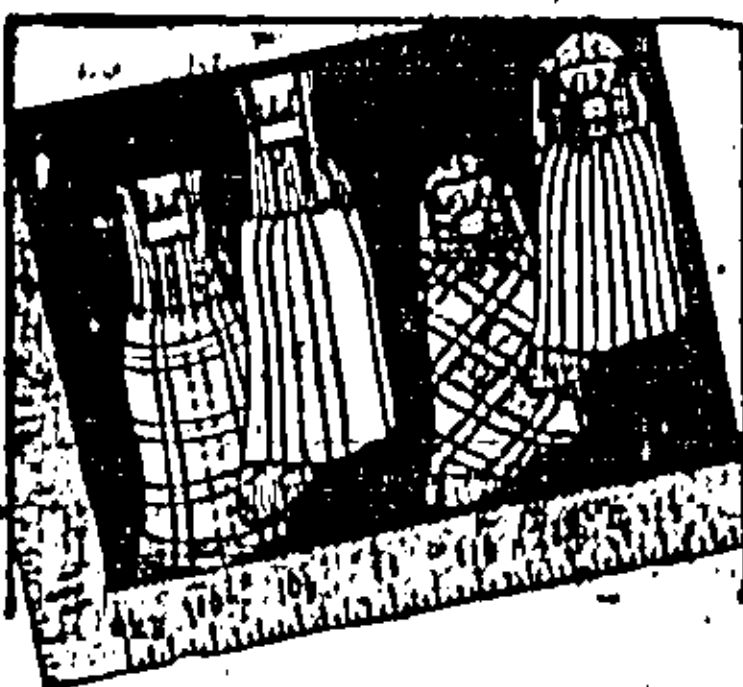
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Legality Of Admitting Uncautioned Statements

The legality or otherwise of admitting uncautioned statements made by accused persons is, strange as it may sound, still undecided in English law, submitted Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Blair-Kerr further contended that judgments of Appeal Courts in such cases are not rules of law but rather guidelines for law officers. In support of his submissions, prosecuting counsel quoted lengthily from Phipson's Laws of Evidence, and Appeal Cases (1914).

The Assistant Crown Solicitor was replying to the submissions of Mr. P. J. Griffiths that the uncautioned statements of his clients were inadmissible, specially when such statements were not made voluntarily, but in reply to questions put by the police.

Quoting from Archbold, Mr. Griffiths argued that it was improper for the police to question people not in custody and to use their replies as evidence. When the stage was reached in the course of such questioning, when the police decided that an accused person would be charged, it is then absolutely essential that the person so questioned should be warned.

As to his clients, said defence counsel, they were, to all intents and purposes, in custody, irrespective of whether they have been arrested or merely asked to go to the police station. Their liberty of movement has been circumscribed in that they were not told that they could leave the station if they so desired.

Mr. Griffiths further argued that it was admitted by the two police officers concerned that the accused did not volunteer any information, and that all the information contained in their statements was elicited by questioning. It was questioned whether throughout the night that they were at the police station.

Before the court were Wong Chiu alias K.K. Wong, 50-year-old interpreter of 154 Woosung Street, ground floor; Cheung Yung, aged 32, unemployed, of 2 Peking Road, first floor; and Cheung Yim-sun, aged 40, drug-gist, 10 Mong Kok Road, first floor.

Conspiracy Charge

Defendants were charged, with Poon Ping-nam alias Poon Siu-yu, 51-year-old merchant of 48 Village Road, ground floor, who jumped bail of \$12,500 on August 21, with conspiring between July 15 and 21 last to steal \$1,105,440.

from the Hain-Hua Enterprise Co. of China Building.

The case, which attracted considerable public interest, entered its fifth day yesterday, at the end of which it was provisionally adjourned to October 27.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Moore of the Special Branch, in evidence, corroborated Detective Sub-Inspector R.H. Woodhead's testimony given on September 27, regarding the police's visits to Mr. R.S. Smith's house at 17 Romanin Hill Road on July 16, 17, 18, and 21 when they conducted themselves in the bathroom which was next to Mr. Smith's study.

Referring to the alleged conversations between Mr. Smith and a man, later identified as Wong, DSI Moore said that he took notes of what the man said, while DSI Woodhead noted what Mr. Smith replied.

On the night of July 18, Mr. Smith's visitor was alleged by witness to have said, "If Fung is caught in the act of switching the cheques we must have guarantee that the police will not send for the police. I do not know Fung's full name. He lives at 52 Village Road. Owns the whole house. Comes from the same village as T.V. Seng.

"Fung is in trouble with the Chinese Government and has to do this to save himself. The job will be done on Friday. Yes, the cheque will be on the Bank of East Asia. Fungers are extremely keen, pressing Fung to sell. We shall take cheque to bank first and ask if cheque is good. Then go back to office and sign the contract if cheque is good."

"Fung will come to the office on Thursday and pretend to be a stranger. He will have representative of the China Investment Co. and say they have come to draw up a contract."

"Will Bring Cash"
"The New China Co. man will bring cheque and Fung will bring \$100,000 cash. You will tell them to come back in the afternoon. Then the switch will be worked and Fung will get the cheque. The New China Co. man will have the envelope with the paper in. Fung can cash the cheque at once."

"Better let Sun Wah keep the cheque. It is now fixed for Friday afternoon. We will come to-morrow evening, arrive 9.30, for a practice."

At 7.55 p.m. on July 21, said witness, a number of Chinese arrived at Mr. Smith's house and went into his study. After they had seated themselves, one of the men, entered on a conversation with Mr. Smith, in the course of which he said:

"His friend is the Chief Cashier at the bank. He is to get \$200,000. Yes. The chief cashier will inform us and stop everything. How about getting money to the other side? What about a Walla Walla? Best way is to get cheque to bank as soon as possible. Not sent it to Macao. If this goes wrong, there is no money. We can go now."

Referring to their seeing the four accused, (including Poon) in the private offices of Detective Sub-Inspector H.T. Matches at the Kowloon City Police Station, witness said that he questioned Wong from 11.55 p.m. on July 21 to 12.25 a.m. on July 22; Cheung Yim-sun from 12.30 to 2.05 a.m.; Cheung Yim-sun from 2.15 to 3.15 a.m.; and Poon from 3.20 to 4 a.m.

Not Under Arrest

During the whole night, said witness, accused were not under arrest. They were offered food, which they accepted, and exercise, which they refused.

In reply to Mr. Blair-Kerr, witness said that none of the accused volunteered any information apart from those elicited during the questioning. They did not, however, appear to be unwilling to answer the questions. No inducements were offered, no threats made, to any of the four persons.

At 9.20 a.m. on July 22, the second accused (Wong) was asked a further series of questions, the answer to which were taken down by witness. At a certain stage of the questioning, added witness, accused told him to draw a line across the sheet of paper and added, himself, the words "Start here."

Cross-examined, DSI Moore admitted that none of the accused were cautioned when they were being questioned. At that time he was not certain that he was going to charge any of them but was simply making enquiries and giving accused an opportunity to explain their behaviour.

Pressed on this point, witness declared that he had no intention then of charging any of them, in spite of what he had heard at Mr. Smith's house. He was just making enquiries.

Witness said that he did not consider the four men to be in custody, although he would not have let them go if they had asked to leave. He told them that he was making enquiries and might need them. He did not tell them of their right to leave because enquiries were not completed.

Mr. Griffiths: So they were there voluntarily under compulsion.

20 Lost In Sea Explosion

More than 20 lives have been lost as a result of an explosion which sank a steel motor-launch, Hai Hing, near Kowloon, according to reported reports from Canton yesterday.

In addition to the 21 lives, a considerable amount of cargo and livestock was lost. The explosion occurred on October 14 at 9 p.m. The vessel was steaming towards Kowloon from an outlying village port. It was carrying passengers and farm produce to Kowloon.

The vessel sank immediately after the explosion, throwing more than 70 passengers and crew into the water. A passing launch, Hua Ta, picked up about 50 survivors, many of whom were injured. The cause of the explosion has not yet been established. The launch is to be salvaged.

Trafalgar Battle To Be Feted

The anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar will be commemorated in Hong Kong today with the beating of Retreat by the Band and Drums of HMS Sussex at 0.30 p.m.

The ceremony—traditional form of marching and counter-marching in slow and quick time—will take place in the area between the Supreme Court Building and the Cenotaph. A Royal Marine Guard from HMS Sussex will also be paraded.

Just before sunset, the Guard will face the Ensign. At sunset, the Colours will be lowered and the Band will play a harmonized version of the bugle call, Retreat, and the Guard will present arms.

At the end of the hymn, Abide with Me, the National Anthem will be played. The ceremony will end when the Guard and Band march away.

Beating Retreat is a survival of an old army custom warning all soldiers to return to barracks. A special roll is beaten on a drum a quarter-of-an-hour before sunset.

Members of the public who intend to watch the ceremony must approach the Cenotaph Square on foot from the waterfront.

Farewell To Cdre Webster At Kai Tak

A farewell parade for Air Commodore S. N. Webster was held at the Royal Air Force section of the Kai Tak airfield yesterday.

The three Services were represented at the combined parade. Detachments which took part were drawn from the Royal Navy, the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and the Royal Air Force.

The parade marched past to the music of the band of the 2nd Battalion, The Buffs.

Air Commodore Webster is due to leave today. The post of Air Officer Commanding, Hong Kong, has been assumed by Air Commodore D. A. Davies who arrived here last Sunday.

Reminders

Today

Opening of Violet Peel Polytechnic, Wanhsai.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Ladies' Night, Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.
Beating of Retreat by HMS Sussex Band, at Cenotaph: 6.30 p.m.
Younger Set Club Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, The H. Club, Talbot House, 8 p.m.
Talk on "Dots and Dashes" by Capt. R.D. Barrett, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

On February 4 when the goods were already on the ship, Maolem went to Benjamin's office and asked him to sign the bill of lading. Benjamin said he had been instructed not to sign any bills of lading until he had seen the goods. Maolem said he would sign them himself as he had power of attorney.

He went back to his own office and signed the papers with his usual signature. The goods were shipped to Shanghai.

Later in February Siddy Benjamin told him that the goods shipped on the Tadeberg had been consigned, and the offices in Shanghai sealed and a heavy lock imposed on the firm. They asked Maolem to write a letter saying the goods were shipped without Benjamin's knowledge.

Maolem refused to do this, about it. Siddy and his stepfather came often to try and get him to write the letter. Inspector Waldron came with Benjamin and he was again asked for a letter.

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Makes Proposal Over 9,000 Miles

A marriage proposal over a 9,000-mile radio-telephone call between Tokyo and Surrey was recently made by the British Overseas Airways Corporation's Station Superintendent at the Japanese capital.

As a result, Miss Andrea Rosemary Esdalle, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Margrave Esdalle, of Driftway, Old Coulsdon, Surrey, became engaged to Mr. Ernest Lewis, BOAC's Deputy Station Superintendent at London Airport.

Miss Esdalle and Mr. Lewis met on Sunday about a year ago when Miss Esdalle as Captain of the Second Coulsdon Girl Guides was taking a church parade of Guides.

Mr. Lewis was motorizing his agents to church. Miss Esdalle had to order her Guides swiftly two paces forward as the car approached. Apologies followed and then friendship.

Mr. Lewis wrote regularly from Japan. Then he sent a cable saying he had something important to ask and would telephone. Nine thousand miles telephone calls from Japan cost £2.15 a minute have to be booked ahead. Miss Esdalle was informed in advance of the probable time.

Answer Was Yes
It was midnight by local time in Japan on the afternoon when the call came through to Coulsdon. Mr. Lewis's question was, "Will you marry me?" The answer was "Yes."

Miss Esdalle, former a Froebel teacher at the Abbey School, Reading, has not previously been out of England. She will be married in Japan.

Mr. Lewis has not yet seen the engagement ring—a single Zircon—which he asked his parents to get for Miss Esdalle.

In his 12 years at BOAC, Mr. Lewis opened new overseas stations at Kano (Nigeria), Madagascara and Belem (South America) during the war. He went to London Airport as Deputy Station Superintendent when it opened in June, 1946.



Miss Esdalle

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCluskey, Messrs. O. E. Frann, C.A.S. Helsh, T. D. Nettleton, E. W. Tom, and D. Hess.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Deutsch, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. O. E. Frann, Mrs. W. A. Sippel, Messrs. T. M. Harner, L. J. Burner, D. Dittner, O. C. Newell, and H. T. Chu.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced for Kenneth Charles Pletty, of 255 Gloucester Road, and Miss Joan Kenniff, of 534, Magazine Gap Road; and of Ernest Charles Spowers, of HMS Cordus, and Miss Tung Ho, of 33, Temple Street, Yumail, Kowloon.

Gave False Statements To Help His Friends

S. J. Moalem, of the Gloucester Hotel, who is charged with forging a bill of lading, said that he gave false statements to police believing they were for the Customs in Shanghai and that he was helping his friends, Benjamin & Sons.

Moalem is charged with uttering a forged bill of lading and forging a bill of lading with intent to defraud D. H. Benjamin and Sons.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. He was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Hammond, is prosecuting.

At yesterday's hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Moalem said that he came to Hong Kong in February 1947. Siddy Benjamin gave him a letter of introduction to join Messrs. Benjamin & Sons. He increased the business of the firm by almost \$1,000 a month.

Moalem said that he was in business. The staff was increased from five to 15 members, and his salary was increased because of his work being satisfactory. His duties were supervising storage, transport, issuing certificates and signing documents.

He was granted power of attorney in July 1947, and his signature was registered with the Bank of China, Kowloon Godown, Hotsi Wharf and China Provisional.

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PD Ordinance Passes Reading

The Post Office Amendment Ordinance (1948) and the Duplicate Bonds Ordinance (1948) passed their second and last reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Post Office Ordinance authorises the Postmaster General to fix the rates of postal charges. The Duplicate Bonds Ordinance authorises the Accountant General to issue duplicate bonds in lieu of bonds issued under the Public Works Loan Board Ordinance (1933) and the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance 1934, which had been lost or destroyed as a result of the war.

The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association's Incorporation Ordinance (1948) also passed into law yesterday.

When a 65-year-old widow had her tail of \$10 cut off, and a bar of gold, valued at \$400, confiscated by Mr. J. Wicks, at Kowloon, yesterday when she tried to pawn the gold on

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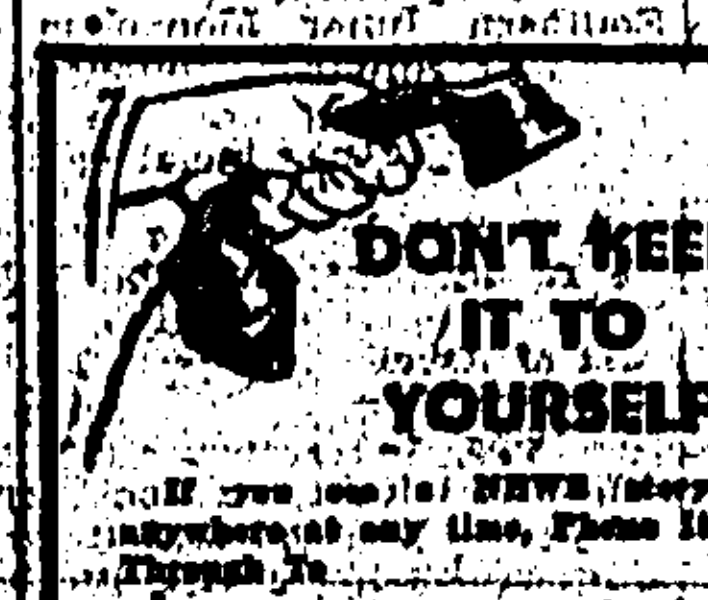
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Opposition To Emergency Powers Raised

Sir Man-Kam Lo Places Motion Before Council

Opposition to the Government's continued exercise of emergency powers, except in matters of emergency or danger to the Colony, was raised by Sir Man-kam Lo in a motion before the Legislative Council yesterday.

The motion stated that where any emergency powers had to be retained by the Government, they should be replaced by legislation.

"I am not asking that the emergency powers should be repealed, or that they should not be exercised in regard to matters which are of emergency to the Empire or of imminent danger to the Colony. If this were not so, I am the first to admit that this motion would not commend itself to Council in view of the world situation which unhappily exists," he said.

"This motion concerns itself only with matters of day to day affairs in the Colony. Take the question of price control. I believe there is a Price Control Committee. But what are its powers and functions we do not know. What rights (if any) which an aggrieved person may have by way of appeal from a decision of the Price Controller we do not know.

"Then take the case of the recent order prescribing Hotel rates. Here we are told that as the Chairman of Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Limited I am an interested party. Perhaps I should confess to a further interest.

Alleged False Return

"According to the press reports of a Police Court case in which the management of this Hotel was summoned by the Competent Authority under some emergency powers for having given some alleged false or inaccurate return, a summons was to be issued against all the Directors of the Hotel Company for this alleged offence.

"But quite undeterred by this threat which my honourable friends may perhaps be relieved to hear has not materialised, Sir Man-kam Lo added, "I am bound to say that the arbitrary way in which the Competent Authority exercised his powers in the matter of Hotel rates has shown the grave risk to the public of untrammelled executive authority, and the urgent and imperative need of having Emergency Powers in regard to day to day affairs of the Colony replaced by legislative measures which can be openly debated and in which appropriate safeguards can be introduced."

Seconding the motion, Mr. Leo d'Almada said the only justification for emergency powers was in cases where ordinary legislative process would be too tardy, and public expediency could not call for the exercise of such powers except in an emergency.

"Essential though such powers may be for the efficient prosecution of a war," Mr. d'Almada said, "however convenient or advisable for the conditions prevailing in Hong Kong during the first year or two after the liberation, they surely cannot be said to be necessary for the efficient prosecution of the peace, which is the object of present-day controls."

Free Of Supervision
"The danger of such powers lies in that they are practically free of judicial supervision. A long line of decisions since World War I has made it clear that only where the act sought to be done under such powers is either ultra vires or not bona fide can the assistance of the Courts be effectively invoked. So long as the powers are not exceeded in this sense, there is no limit to what may be done in their name."

"A classical illustration of this is furnished by a case which went to the Court of Appeal in 1945. In that case the plaintiff attempted to impugn an order of the Minister of Fuel and Power, and in the course of the action laid the evidence which here I use the words of Lord Green who delivered the judgment of the Court of Appeal.

"The effect," he said, "was to show that there were not adequate grounds upon which the Minister could issue the order, as required by the regulations, that the case speaks for itself, and that either the Minister was misled by the inaccurate information or that he failed to make enquiries before he made the order."

"The Court held that it had no power to review the order in that case by reason of what I stated earlier," Mr. d'Almada continued, "for which reason it did not examine the evidence or decide whether a case had in fact been made out."

"That the evidence in favour of the case made out by the plaintiff was cogent there can be no doubt by reason of two facts. First, the evidence was laid by two responsible counsel for the plaintiff, and secondly, the case was the subject matter of questions in the House of Commons and debated in the House where considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the order of the Minister."

No Check

"The result then, is that the excessive zeal of a competent authority, or a so-called competent authority, is not liable to that check which is so necessary where powers are vested in an individual who, to use the words of a distinguished judge, may be someone whose name you do not know, sitting at a desk in a Government office, who is very apt to be a despot if free from the interference of the Courts of Justice."

"To this the answer may be made that if such a person were to act unreasonably or otherwise abuse his powers, representations would meet with the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry to report on the matter in question."

"But here again, however efficient and wisely chosen the Committee, the objection is the same—that from the decision or recommendation of such an ad hoc body there is no appeal, and a

Deportation Ordinance Reading
An Ordinance conferring power on the Court to order the deportation of aliens passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Acting Attorney General, Mr. G. E. Strickland, said the amendment conferred power on the Supreme Court and magistrates to order the deportation of aliens who had been convicted of an offence and who had not been in the Colony for a consecutive period of one year before the commission of the offence.

Person of this type had been flocking into the Colony, in increasing numbers, and it was considered that the judiciary and the magistrates should be confined to recommending deportation but should have power to order it.

This power, at present, is vested in the Governor in Council. An innovation of the Bill, said Mr. Strickland, was to alter the present practice whereby a fresh deportation order is made against a deportee who had unlawfully returned instead of enforcing the original order of deportation, which is the more usual practice in other colonies.

APPROVAL GIVEN
Legislative Council gave its approval to the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance, 1948 yesterday when it was up for second and third reading.

The amount of the appropriation was HK\$3,313,874.10 for defraying the charges of the financial year ending March 31, 1947.

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Ordinance Becomes Law

The Ordinance giving effect to the agreement negotiated between H.M. Government and the Chinese Government, on behalf of the Hong Kong Government, and the Chinese Maritime Customs, passed into law yesterday.

The Ordinance, which gives effect to the Hong Kong-China Anti-Smuggling Agreement, was first before Council a fortnight ago.

Sir Man-kam Lo said he voiced his own sentiments and those of his unofficial colleagues when he said he heartily supported the measure which was designed to help China.

"I believe it to be eminently desirable that, unless conditions demand it absolutely, recourse to the judiciary, an independent body which for centuries has been the best guardian of the liberties and rights of the individual, should not be denied to the subject," Mr. d'Almada stated.

"I do not wish it to be thought for one moment that I am against controls as such," he continued, "For the Colony's economy and the welfare of the community it may well be that control in different spheres must continue for many years to come."

"But let us have a return to powers granted by legislative and constitutional methods, subject to scrutiny by the Courts, rather than continue to exercise those powers under an Act and Order-in-Council which have practically emasculated judicial control," Mr. d'Almada said.

Criticism Voiced
Criticism of controls was also voiced by Mr. N. O. C. Marsh who said that in normal times application of arbitrary powers is resented by the public and destroys public confidence.

"The texture of finance and commerce is far too delicate to be meddled with by any departmental authority that may not understand and respect the continuity of the threads which have taken centuries to weave into the present comparative prosperity of the Colony," Mr. Marsh said.

He urged the Government to take action to encourage initiative and enterprise and not to hinder the march of progress by the application of arbitrary emergency powers to non-emergency conditions.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, member representing the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, said the motion was long overdue.

War-time conditions had come to an end, and powers granted under the Defence Regulations should be withdrawn as far as possible, and resorted to only in exceptional circumstances.

Protesting against the continuance of price control—one of the offshoots of emergency regulations—Mr. Cassidy said while control was necessary in the early

stages to prevent profiteering, there was no necessity for such control now when there were ample supplies of goods and, in some cases, an actual glut. The law of supply and demand could now be safely allowed to operate.

Importers are put to an enormous amount of trouble in supplying the Price Controller with details of all their inward shipments, and of course quite a large proportion of such goods never reach the retailer but are exported to other markets," Mr. Cassidy said.

Risk Involved
In the case of luxuries, Mr. Cassidy continued, and particularly with seasonal goods, there is a risk of having to carry stocks for some months, a contingency which the Price Controller seems to ignore. It is futile for him and his staff spending their time working out ceiling prices for luxury lines, for unless these prices show an ample margin they are likely to be ignored.

Mr. Cassidy next referred to the ban on export of various commodities.

"I refer in particular to the ban on export of steel, the effect of which is to stop a perfectly reasonable trade in certain items of metal goods of which there is more than sufficient to meet the requirements of the Colony."

"The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Metal Dealers Association, and in conjunction with the General Chamber, has taken the matter up with the S.T. & I. Department without getting any reasonable answer."

"In the meantime, some firms have been holding on for months to quotas for import into China of certain lines required there, and can do nothing about it because of the ban. Yet these particular lines are of no use to the Colony because they are below the grade insisted upon for local use," he said.

Mr. Cassidy concluded by suggesting that if the motion was carried Government should introduce legislation to invest the Port Executive Committee with the various powers which at present are derived from the Defence Regulations. In the event of an emergency the Committee would be required to act swiftly, and the Committee, having proved its worth since the liberation, should be fully empowered to continue its good work.

Government Reply
The Acting Attorney General, Mr. G. E. Strickland, replying for the Government, said:

"The motion as I understand it does not mean that Government should not exercise any Emergency Powers but that Government should shed itself of those Emergency Powers which are no longer required and should so far as practicable incorporate in permanent legislation Emergency powers which it considers it still requires so that the question of the necessity for such powers and the safeguards against their abuse may be considered by this Council."

"I hasten to say that if I have correctly interpreted the spirit of the motion, it has not only the sympathy but the agreement of Government. Government dislikes emergency powers which have not been conferred by this Council just as much, if not more, than the public, because such powers imply that the Government machine cannot operate normally."

"I would, however, be doing justice neither to the honourable member moving this motion nor to Government if I did not elaborate precisely how Government stands in the matter of Emergency Powers."

"First and foremost, Government would rather dispense with

arbitrary or exceptional powers altogether if it could, and paradoxically enough this desire tends to lead to the powers being continued in regulation form precisely because it is considered that the control will not be required long enough to justify permanent legislation.

To sound a personal note, this tends even more to be the case when there is shortage of staff and an incessant demand for legislation of a permanent character.

50 Ordinances
"As you know, Sir, we have already enacted this year 50 Ordinances apart from today's business and the total will probably be up to 75 before the end of the year."

"I can nevertheless offer some comfort. A Bill to deal with the fishing and marketing schemes has already been drafted by my department and is being now considered by interested departments before being presented to Government."

"My department has also, in consultation with other heads of department, been considering the possibility of dispensing with certain defence regulations or incorporating them in more permanent legislation."

"Let us take Finance first. Hong Kong is a member of the sterling area and must fulfil the obligation imposed on members of the sterling area if she is to have the privileges which are accorded to such members. An exchange control must therefore be maintained here and must be run in accordance with the wishes of the central authorities of the sterling area. The powers for exercising such control are conferred by the Defence Finance Regulations, 1940."

"Up to fairly recently powers of exchange control in the United Kingdom were exercised under similar Defence Regulations but these regulations were recently replaced by permanent legislation in the form of an Exchange Control Act."

"I see no serious objection to similar action being taken here; it is merely a question of whether the powers are to be taken under Defence Regulations or under permanent legislation. In any event the application of these regulations has not been criticised by the honourable member of this motion and I assume that he does not suggest there is any great urgency in this sphere."

"Let us now turn to other forms of economic control. **Supply Still Short**
"Many commodities are still in short supply, some being under international or regional control, such as rice, oil, and fats, the international control imposes certain obligations in relation to import, export and consumption policy, while the need to secure an equitable internal distribution, by direct rationing or by any other suitable method, entails controls on all transactions in these commodities."

"Again, certain scarce commodities are only made available by the producing territories on certain conditions, which may make necessary controls on imports, distribution or re-export (for example, tinplate is supplied by the United Kingdom for the canning of food only); failure to implement these conditions would result in supplies being cut off."

"There are also some essential commodities, such as preserved milk and steel, which while not subject to international control, are in short supply and must be subjected to export control if adequate supplies are to be reserved for local requirements."

"Again, while essential supplies are short or unreliable and inflationary tendencies exist, it is essential to retain power to control prices."

"It is not possible to estimate how long there will be a continuing necessity for these controls, but they are kept under constant review and within their framework the greatest freedom possible is given to commerce, and it may well be that price control will be relaxed in the not too distant future. Import and Export restrictions could, if certain ancillary powers were conferred, be dealt with under the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1946. This will be further considered."

"The honourable member of the motion has asked what the functions of the Price Control Advisory Board are. The Committee is a purely advisory body, and indeed appears under G.N. No. 38 of 1947 when it was set up and it is difficult to see how it could be anything else. Any person aggrieved by the decisions of the competent authority has his ordinary remedy by petition."

Controls Necessary
"Apart from control of commodities, it is still considered necessary in the public interest to retain power to control charges for services. I can assure Council that any exercise of these powers will be preceded by consultation with the bodies supplying them."

"In view of the variety of matters involved these powers are not, in my view, suitable for incorporation in permanent legislation. Even if they were I doubt whether they would differ substantially from existing powers."

"The hon. Sir Man-kam Lo has commented on the control of hotel rates. As this matter has been referred by Government to a Committee, I prefer to make no comment except to say that if the declared policy of my department in the case of offences committed by corporate bodies not to launch proceedings against directors unless there are indications that they have been personally involved, (I hasten to say that there is no such indication in the case of the honourable member of this motion.)

"Whatever the decision may ultimately be in the matter of hotel rates, Government cannot but regard the question of shortage of accommodation as one which necessitates the retention and indeed the strengthening of the power of requisitioning, though it may well be that in view of the troubled conditions elsewhere and the likelihood that the shortage will continue, consideration should now be given to the desirability of dealing with this matter by Ordinance."

"It must not, however, be overlooked that many existing Defence Regulations, including power of requisitioning, will expire on the 31st of this month unless they are kept in force. The process of revision and incorporation in Ordinances cannot be completed before then and it will accordingly be necessary formally to keep those regulations in force for the purpose of supplies and services, and to exercise, as I have indicated, some of the powers so retained until the process of revision and incorporation is completed. (By revision I do not mean General Law Revision but revision of Defence Regulations.)

"These qualifications are, in my view, inconsistent with the spirit of the motion, which is welcomed by Government and which, I feel sure, will bring to the notice of all concerned the desirability of returning at the earliest possible moment to normal peacetime conditions," he concluded.

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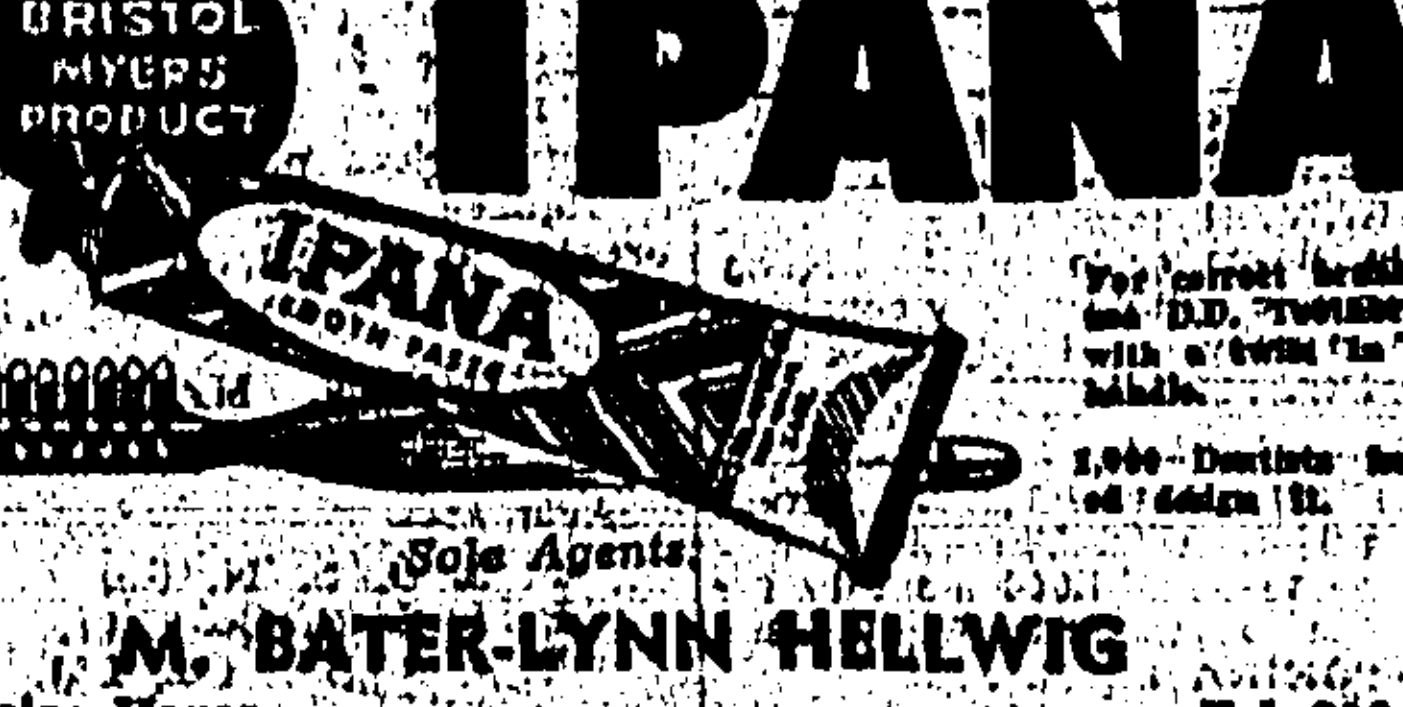


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Firm Summoned For Unauthorised Storing Of Goods

The China Construction Company was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for removal dangerous goods without a permit from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and storing them in a general store not authorised for that purpose.

It was stated that the defendant company was licensee of magazine 30, Ma Tau Kok.

Pickpocket Gets 18 Months To Think It Over

Lo Chi-keung, a 17-year-old youth, was the richer by \$1.10 when he left the pocket of a sleeping 19-year-old electrician at the King George V playing fields, Jordan Road, on October 19.

He was the poorer by the loss of 18 months' liberty when he was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with larceny from the person, and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Defendant denied the charge, and said that at 11 a.m. Ma Moh was having a nap at King George V park when someone went up and cut the pocket of his jacket, stealing a fountain pen valued at \$3, \$1.10 in cash, three pawntickets, and six photographs.

When complainant reported the incident at the Yau Ma Tei Police Station, Detective 1049 was sent out to make inquiries. During a general search of the men in the park, the detective found six photographs on one of them. The man pointed out accused as the person who gave him the photographs.

Defendant, on being searched, was found to be in possession of the three pawntickets and the fountain pen. He brought the detective to the railing by the park where half a razor blade was found.

Accused, said DSJ Morrison, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour on April 8 last for larceny.

3 Weeks For Stealing
A Chinese woman, who was described as rather simple by Inspector J. Oren, was Latimer at Kowloon yesterday brought before Mr. W. H. on the charge of larceny of a woollen blanket.

It was alleged that accused, Chik Lai Chun, was seen leaving the ferry wharf with the blanket after the loss has been discovered by the owner Cheung Kwun.

Defendant denied the charge, and said that she came to Hong Kong from Canton only about a week ago to look for her husband. She was unsuccessful and had to support herself by soliciting in the streets. The blanket, she said, was given her by a man who travelled with her all the way from Cheung Chau. She said she was used to receiving presents from men.

She was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment and subsequent expulsion.

Kowloon. On September 15, the magazine was inspected by Sub-Inspector Chan Wai-man and found empty.

At the previous inspection, there were 249 sticks of dynamite and 711 detonators stored in it. It was discovered that at 8 a.m. on the morning of that day, Mr. Brown, one of the managers of the company, removed the goods to Cha Kwo Ling. No removal permit has been obtained.

At 4.30 p.m. on September 16, Mr. Seymour of the Fire Brigade and SI Chan went to Cha Kwo Ling to interview Mr. Brown, who admitted the removal. He also said that 240 sticks of dynamite and 99 detonators have been moved, and the remainder of the goods were in the general store.

Mr. Tiernan, manager of the company, admitted to the Court the removal and said that it was done because he was afraid the watchmen were tampering with the goods. The dynamite, he also said, was damp and had to be used immediately. The reason that the goods were found in the general store was that they were taken there for distribution to the foremen. The blasting was just about to begin when the officers arrived, and the goods would have been taken to the magazine afterwards in any case.

A serious view was taken of the case and the maximum fine of \$1,000 was imposed.

Other Cases

Cheung Chu-hap was fined \$750 for storing 18,000 pounds of calcium hydrochloride on the verandah of 180 Tai Po Road, first floor, without a licence from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

The chemicals, it was stated, were in barrels, which were rotten through with the result that the powder was leaking out, and chlorine, a deadly gas, might be produced.

The Nan Yang Knitting Factory, K.L.L. 1904, Ma Tau Kok Road, was summoned for storing 100 gallons of kerosene without a licence.

The Nam Jam Factory, 136 Fuk Wah Street, was summoned for storing 400 gallons of lacquer thinner without a licence.

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S 0 6
H 8 7 3
D 8 4 2
C K Q 10
6 2

N 10 7
H K Q 10
6 2

C None
D A K J 5 6 3
H A 2
S A K J 5 6 3

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West North East South
Pass Pass 1 H 2 S
C 2 D

Seldom will you find a more terrible pass than South's, when he left North in that 3-Diamonds monstrosity of a contract. A very inferior player, he had been told that misfits are dangerous, and because of that passed, leaving his poor partner to get his head broken off and being down three tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q J 6 4 3
H 10 8
D J 8 2
C A 7 6

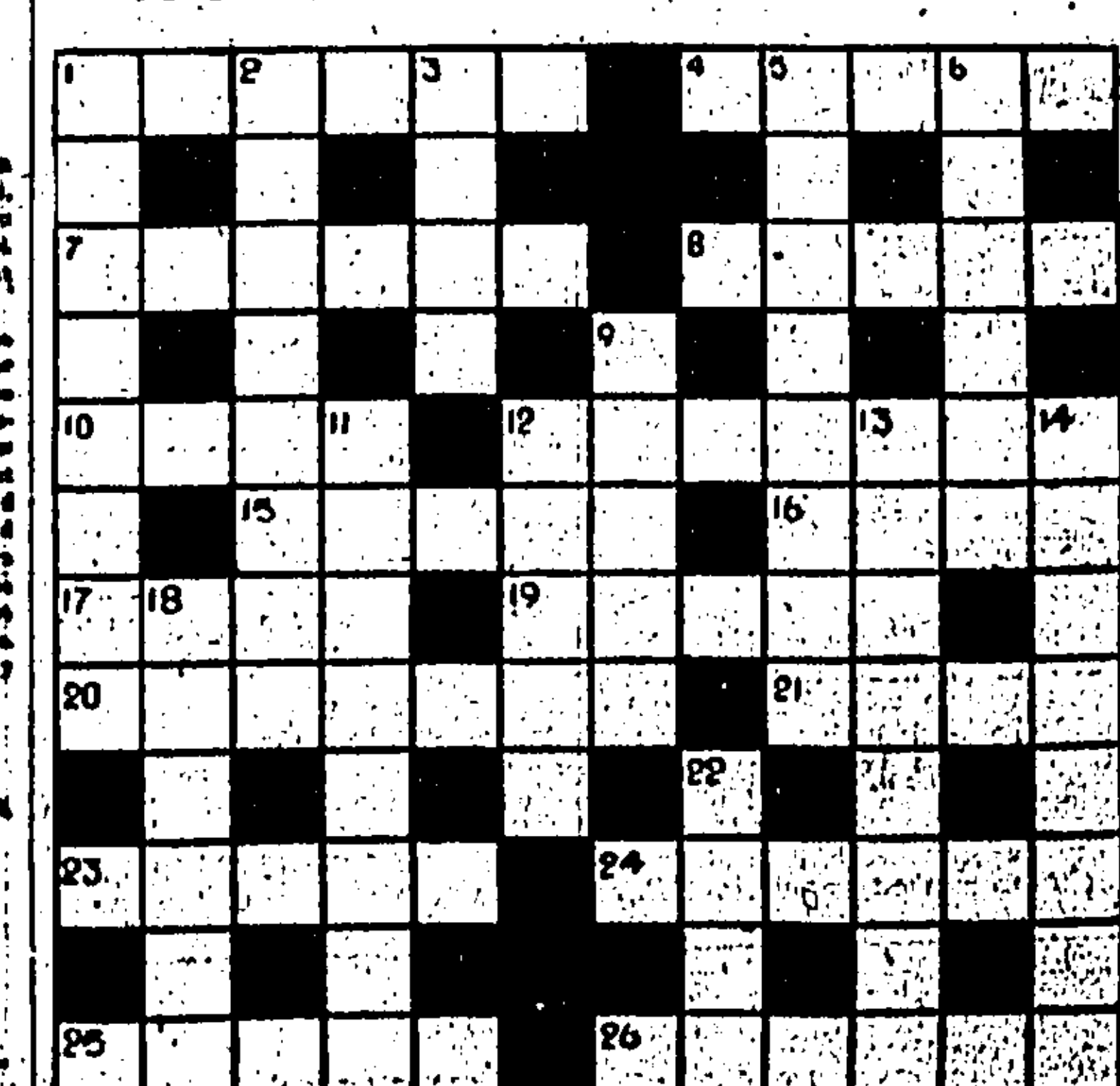
S 10
H K Q 7
D 5 4 3
C K 10

S A K 2
H J 9
D A Q 5
C P 8 3

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

If North decides to open this deal with 1-Spade, what would you consider the best bidding the rest of the way?

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Clues Across

1 Scribble
4 Criminal
7 Tried out
8 Fit out
10 Issue
12 Least
15 Litter
16 Destroy
17 Unoccupied
19 Hinder
20 Fearful
21 Day-break
23 Enroll
25 Jollification
26 Begins

Clues Down

1 Bold
2 That may be
3 Abound
4 Baked
5 Hatful
6 Helped
11 Wealth
12 Pattern
13 Raider
14 Wander
15 About
16 Menial
17 Repeat
22 Need
23 Sero

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3. Realized, 8. Hurled, 9. Pinnacle, 11. Deplorable, 12. Brag, 13. Fleet, 15. Salom, 16. Axel, 22. Season, 24. Bracelet, 25. Ruse, 26. Extorted.

Down—1. Child, 2. Grope, 3. Bay, 4. Edit, 5. Lead, 6. Secure, 7. Sledge, 10. Newel, 14. Exorbitant, 15. Toasted, 16. Clammy, 17. Repeat, 20. Bogus, 21. Usher, 23. Seal, 25. Sero.

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Strikers, Police Clash:

FRENCH MINING TOWN IN VIRTUAL STATE OF SIEGE

Paris, October 19:

Twenty security guards were injured and about an equal number of strikers were hurt when striking French miners clashed with troops and police, who earlier had occupied pithheads at Roche La Moliere, near St. Etienne. Eight strikers were arrested.

The strikers hurled stones and lumps of iron at the soldiers and police while the latter replied by using the butts of their rifles. The battle lasted nearly an hour.

When the Government forces arrived at the Roche La Moliere coal mine, they found 1,500 miners massed and waiting for them. After a few minutes' hesitation, the strikers left quietly.

Soon after noon, however, the miners attacked with larger forces. Earlier reports said the miners had improvised barricades from pit props, ready to resist police entry.

With the flood waters rising in some strike-bound mines, the Communist-led Miners' Union headquarters at Carmoux, 40 miles North East of Toulouse, earlier today called on pit miners and their wives to bar the way to the Government security squads sent to protect volunteers at the pumps.

St. Etienne is virtually in a state of siege. It is estimated that nearly 10,000 troops and security police are now in the area.

"ammunition"—stones and lumps of iron—lay piled up in readiness for the battle.

A usually well informed source stated that strict orders had been given to all troops and police in the mining areas not to use fire-arms.

Today, the 10th day of the strike, found many towns in the North completely without electricity and in some the water supply was also cut.

The Paris evening paper, France Soir, reported that in many areas the strikers had offered to keep the safety services going in mines threatened by flooding and that in some the local Communist leaders had allowed them to do so.

While police occupied more pithheads in the Loire Department, the Ministry of the Interior reported that safety services in the Pas de Calais conflict were not assured.

Mines Endangered

There was immediate danger in four mines, into which water had begun to flow.

The Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, conferred with the Prefects from the strike-bound coalfields on the worsening situation since the Miners' Union's decision last night to continue indefinitely the withdrawal of safety teams—at first limited to 24 hours.

A spokesman of the Ministry denied that there were any Negro troops or tank units in the Northern coalfields—the reason given by the Communist-led Union for its decision.

The deadlock continued in the Northern area, the main strike centre, but in the Eastern coalfields, nearly 10,000 miners—40 per cent of the total—were back at work today. The area is predominantly Catholic.—Reuter.

More Trouble

Armed police patrol the town day and night. Citizens are frequently stopped and asked for identification papers. All public meetings have been prohibited.

The police headquarters at St. Etienne expect more serious trouble when the troops are to take over the two most important coal mines in the district at Couriol and Chateaufort.

At the strikers' headquarters, it was being said that the miners intended to defend their pickets there "with all their might".

Three other mines were taken over by the police early today. Nine or ten pithheads are still occupied by the strikers.

The occupation of the Roche La Moliere pithhead by security forces was carried out early this morning when, at 9.00 a.m., six large Army trucks crammed with armed and special security police armed with rifles and tommy guns tore out of St. Etienne, preceded by radio-equipped jeeps and ambulance cars.

Angry Crowd

A police plane circled overhead, taking photographs of any crowd movements and keeping in constant touch with police headquarters.

A few minutes after the convoy had left, all the sirens in the town started howling, warning the miners to come and strengthen the pickets at the pithheads.

When the Government forces arrived at the pithheads, they found a sullen, angry crowd of miners "ready to do battle," but who, after a moment's hesitation, dispersed.

Women Communist supporters joined the pickets at the pithheads today prior to the expected arrival of the troops. Stocks of

She Made Too Bloody Much

Shanghai, October 20.
Mrs. Kwon Tai-so was charged by a Shanghai procurator court today with selling blood at a profit.
The woman claimed her business as well as her profit was legitimate. The police didn't mind the business so much but they didn't approve of the profit.
She is alleged to have sold 300 cc. of donated blood to the fourth municipal hospital. She charged the hospital 30 gold yuan and gave the donor only 10 yuan.—Associated Press.

Alarming State In West Java

Batavia, October 19.
A battalion of crack Indonesian Republican troops crossed the truce line into Dutch-held West Java during September and had since clashed five times with Dutch forces.

This announcement, coincided with independent reports that subversive activities were "increasing alarmingly" in West Java's rich rubber and tea plantations, including British property.

The troops were said to be of the Siliwangi Division, which evacuated West Java February 1 under the agreement signed on board the American ship, Remberville.

The Dutch communiqué said the Indonesians suffered losses in measures to end the activities of the remnants of the battalion.

Another Dutch Army statement said that Republican forces fighting the Communist guerrillas in Central Java had evacuated three small towns South of Surakarta.

Surakarta is not far from Madras, a former Communist stronghold recently recaptured by Republican Government troops.—Reuter.

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any troops down from Shensi; we must watch those devils the Communists.

—says to build up a stock of munitions at Chungking so that Chiang won't be tempted to wreck Yoke, but to do that means tonnage, and to do that we have to deny Yoke an equal tonnage of much-needed weapons. The situation is critical and will remain so. Any Jap threat will put the G'mo in an uproar, and they are wise they will repeat their attempt for this if for no other reason. And if they seriously want to gum the game, they can attack Kuanming or Chungking, or both, with five divisions on either line and finish the matter. If we sting them badly enough in the air, they are almost sure to try it.

Seventy thousand replacements diverted from the Yoke one account of Ichang. Last year 50 per cent (of recruits) arrived at their units; the rest died or deserted on the way. Can we expect a better result this year? The promise of picked men for India is so much wind. 68 per cent of the replacements offered were rejected, mainly for trachoma and skin disease, in last batch of 1,800.

JUNE 25—Conference with Ho. Amazing. Chiang has not discussed the Combined Chiefs of Staff proposals with Ho! And Ho says Liu Fu knows nothing about them. Obviously, no one in War Ministry has seen them. If Ho knew, so with whom did the G'mo take counsel? With the G'mo, perchance, or his old pal, God. This tops everything. The little squirt, on his own initiative, will decide the fate of nations.

JUNE 28—Letter [from] Ho Ying-ch'ih. This is colossal. He asks us to turn over to the War Minister (himself) the antitank weapons and ammunition of the Y force. He, chief of staff, would deliberately weaken the already scant resources of Yoke and scatter the proceeds in this sixth war zone. Of course, it's because Chiang has had a scare, but it shows their conception of preparations to fight on the other front. Words fall on this one; not only does he fall utterly on his back, but he shows that he constructs all his efforts to build them up, and crowns it by trying to take away what we have so painfully accumulated.

I gave him [Chiang Kai-shek] the dope (for the Burma invasion) two weeks ago. I told him the answer today. Then he says, "Where's the translation?" So Shang Chen and I rush back and get the paper and Shang goes back with it and translates. And the G'mo says, "Well, that sounds O.K." But exactly how much navy is to be furnished? The important part of this operation is the navy. There is no use of attacking Burma unless the Bay of Bengal is secured.

So comes back and tells me and I write a letter with a long list of battleships and heavy cruisers and light cruisers and aircraft carriers, and destroyers, and explain the word "adequate" for the seventh time. And goes back for the third time to try and explain. The G'mo superciliously inquires what we will do, who is breaking our backs, and help him, supplying everything—troops, equipment, planes, medical, signal, motor services, setting up his SOS, training his lousy troops, bucking his chief of staff, and General staff, and he'll be Joyful Dictator who shall have the people's laws "duh" prepared, and hem! and haw! about the navy, God save us.

JULY 5—Stilwell (Chiang Kai-shek) does not answer the President: (1) Saucy. (2) Dile. (3) Stratemeyer. Last two are recent, of course. But the 11 Since June 18 and the world burning up.

Recent rumour here to effect that the Reds have been told they can "co-operate" or else. The "else" being that he [Chiang] will attack them in September. Chou En-lai has left. Yenching Reds reported to have asked for freedom of speech and no coercion to join the Kuomintang. Ho, Ho. How can he, the Great Democrat, answer that? This whole thing seems factitious, unless he is deliberately setting up a trap for Saucy. He is quite capable of doing it and reporting that he is too involved against the Reds to join the party in Burma.

JULY 6—Conference with Tseng-tang-tu (Chiang's communications officer). Chiang, mon, Edwards, this! We're asking these bastards to supply a lousy 1,200 broken-down trucks for their own damn army and we stand ready with 22,000 on the other side, and what will they do? No, they can't. They can't study and write lines? (Chiang) said, "I propose to supply a lousy 1,200 broken-down trucks and hire of commercial trucks, etc. etc. But the money to run them? Oh, that's a damn good question." Generalissimo, must you be so Generalissimo? Let General Stilwell do it. How about the tractor? Well, nominally, it's under the tractor. But actually it's under a special Bureau and

Tai Li (chief of the Chinese Secret Police) controls it. Another pretty kettle of fish. Of course he controls it, and takes credit off it in large hunks. So we're right where we started. Trucks, but no money. Then the truck. No hurry, we can do it in three months, or even two and a half. Maybe we'll have more labour. After the airfields are finished. Maybe in August we can begin.

JULY 7—Decorations of Chiang. Ho, Shung, and Yu. Chiang was half an hour late. He was ill at ease during the performance. I read the Chinese citation and made my speech in Chinese. Madame Present, an full of herself and what she's going to get out of the President. Said he had promised two divisions. Everybody anywhere near Chiang turned to stone. Ho sat there like a graven image, and never opened his trap.

JULY 8—Another shock. Found out today that Tseng-tang-tu did not know what he was talking about at our conference. Had not been to his office and had not seen his people. Everything had already been arranged as per Ho Ying-ch'ih's scheme. My God. This truck business is endless. We are now going to take the [Chinese] War Department's scheme and start at last.

JULY 12—RED-LETTER DAY. The answer came from Chiang to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Signed. After a year of constant struggle, we have, finally, nailed him down. He is finally, in writing, to the attack on Burma. What corruption, inefficiency, obstruction, jealousy, and skulduggery we have had to wade through. What a cesspool. What bigotry and ignorance and black ingratitude.

With Chiang's acceptance of the plan, the Allies can now proceed to the conquest of Burma. SEAC's commander was to be Lord Louis Mountbatten, its deputy commander, was to be Stilwell.

The broad outlines of the campaign had been set, the basic decisions made. Beneath the level of high policy, however, the old struggle and old frustrations continued. By the end of July, the friction between Stilwell and Chiang was nearing one of its periodic climaxes.

(UNDATED) EXAMPLES OF DELAY, ETC., ETC.

- 30th Division. Promised to be in Kuanming by May 20. Postponed to June. Postponed to July. On July 12, only 1,200 men had left for Kuanming.
- The 200 men promised for the 15th (at Ramgarh). All but 65 rejected by Chinese doctors. 30 sent to India. 4,500 replacements for 22nd and 38th (Divisions in India). Promised early in spring. By March. Not one has appeared up to July 12.
- Replacements for Y force. 12,000 sent to India. 70,000 diverted to Hupeh.
- Units of Y force. All to be in position by March 1 at latest. Not in yet.
- Heavy trench mortars for west front. 23 promised with probability of 21 more. Now July 12, none on west front.
- Labour regiments to report by June. Now July 12, no sign of them.

8. For airfields \$500,000,000 or a billion [Chinese dollars]. O.K. For the Burma Road after months of struggle \$5 million, where \$200 million is needed.

9. Animals. Refused to buy them when we asked because too expensive. One mule, then 12,000 [Chinese dollars]. Now 7 July, the price is 40,000. Solution is to buy smaller number with same amount.

10. Attempts to steal payroll at Ramgarh. The "lump sum" stunt. Constant agitation. Lo Chao-ying got away with 100,000 rupees of a month. Split in Chungking of course; he's now in War Ministry.

11. War Ministry interference in command and organisation at Ramgarh. Constant fight.

(UNDATED) These are General Stilwell's notes of a conversation with a Chinese of cabinet rank. ON Chiang—"He wants to be a moral potter, a religious leader, a philosopher. How ridiculous this is. If he had four years of college education, he might understand conditions in the modern world but the pleasure we see clearly is dark to him. He simply does not understand. If he did, conditions would be better, because he wants to do right. No one tells him the truth... no one. He will not listen to anything unpleasant, so nobody tells him anything but what he wants to hear. He is impossible to reason with him... one could with 'Sun Yat-sen' but this man! He flies into a rage if anyone argues against him. Everyone avoids rocks and gets around knifely problems by devious means. He does not know what is going on. He is in orders by the thousand... like snowflakes, and everybody says 'yes, yes' and he never knows what he's doing. He is afraid of the crowd and what people will say, so he tries to stop them talking. This is very foolish. It is like trying to stop the sound of a rattlesnake's rattle while leaving the poison in his fangs. There is no reason for him to fear anything. Let them talk. He does not need to fear the Communists either. He should use them. Education is China's only hope in this time. He has orders by the thousand. He has been working through the process for centuries; China has only about fifty years and is working on an imported civilisation, not a domestic one. Very few people know what it is all about. The mass of the people know only that Japan is fighting China."

"The 'Ging' fifty years' ago, would have been an acceptable leader, but his lack of education handicaps him under modern conditions. Even now there is no better one in sight. His suggestions would undoubtedly be a military man, and there is no one who could do any better. There are some who seem capable in their present positions, but if they had to formulate national policy they could not do it. The only way out is to have patience and make progress slowly.

After the war, there will be a great deal of trouble in China. Chiang knows only what goes on immediately around him, and the country is so big that he will not be able to control it. Obstinacy, intolerance, arbitrariness, unreasonable, illogical, ungrateful.

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EASTERN UNION

The sudden emergence of an Eastern Union of Europe, sponsored by Russia, is hinted in a dispatch from Prague. If the rumour should prove true, it would cause neither surprise nor alarm.

There would be nothing surprising, because the fashioning of an Eastern Union is presumably, from Russia's point of view, a needed answer to the organisation of the five-power Western Union. It would create no additional alarm, because an Eastern Union already exists in everything but name.

The Prague story reports that the federation was decided upon at a conference of Eastern political leaders in the Crimea last month. President Gottwald of Czechoslovakia, for one, is reported to have visited Stalin there.

Much mystery and censorship have surrounded this gathering of the satellite chieftains, and whether disaffected Yugoslavia was represented is not clear.

At any rate, Yugoslavia is not among the countries mentioned for membership in the federation, which are Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania and possibly the Russian zone of Austria. Economic co-operation, probably starting with a customs union, and co-ordination of foreign policy are the understood objectives. In actual effect, the federation will probably add nothing but able economic co-operation which now goes on among a facade to the very considerable satellite states.

The chief mystery in all the rumours about an Eastern Union is not why it is being set up now but why the Russians have so long frowned upon the idea. Last January, in an extraordinary rebuke, Pravda denounced Premier Georgi Dimitroff of Bulgaria for suggesting such a thing. Nine months later it is being formed. Perhaps the explanation lies in the political-medical sphere. Perhaps Russia prescribes federation as an antidote to the Tito disease of defection.

100 SCHOOLS

The Hong Kong Education Department's plan to establish 100 Government vernacular schools in 20 years is one of those far-sighted moves which may have important repercussions.

It is intended to complete 50 schools in 10 years, and the same number in the following decade. The principle is to provide education for as many as possible at the lowest possible rate, breaking the high priced semi-monopoly at present held by the private schools. The new establishments would serve as models for the private schools and enable the Department to close those which did not conform strictly to the regulations.

Aware of the necessity for providing many extra teachers, the sponsors of the plan will extend the Rural Training College, and a site has already been earmarked for a model village to house staff, students and families. A policy of gradually increasing the responsibility of the local staff will be followed, progressively eliminating European teachers.

If this scheme is fully and conscientiously carried out, it can ensure both the greater well-being of the Chinese population and the security of Britain's tenure in the Colony in an age of chaos and uncertainty.

Famous letter from Roosevelt to George Marshall. [Referring to Chiang Kai-shek]—[He] came up the hard way to accomplish in a few years what it took us 200 years to attain. One cannot speak sternly or exact commitments from a man like that, as if he were a trifle child-like.

Then orders came for Chen-nault to have 1,500 out of 4,000 tons [total monthly delivery of Hump airline in China] for his war. Then he gets a separate Air Service Command. Then he is to control the ATC by order of Arnold, speaking for the President, and giving it to me verbally through Glenn [Chennault's chief of staff].

Wavell has a grievance, 18,000 of "his" trucks are in U.S. ports, and the goddam Americans won't ship them to him. Furthermore, if he doesn't get 180,000 tons a month, he just can't jump off for a full Burma offensive. He only got 60,000 tons in March, and it's a bloody crime. He's gone to London to squawk. "Can't" is his best word. Everything is so goddam "difficult" that it's practically impossible. This is ominous. If he can contemplate further delay now, we're sunk.

Ch'en Cheng is a joy. That was an inspiration, getting him. Then the famous call to Washington. Chiang radioed Roosevelt that he and Chennault had been cooking up a plan that Chennault must come and tell him about.

George [Marshall] tipped me off. I suggested that he call me, Bissell, and Chennault in, [he] saying he was going to anyway. Roosevelt crossed Bissell off, and George told me to bring one of Bissell's staff. Then I turned Chennault with the matter, and he knew nothing about it. No new plan and no visit to Washington. So Chiang is just talking about Chennault's "6-months-to-drive-the-Japs-out-of-China" plan. I arranged for priority air travel, but luck! Will see Chiang on Monday (4/19) and the thing may calm down. Must be in Washington by end of month, as George Marshall leaves soon after.

[This untitled paper is General Stilwell's brief summary of the May 24th Washington conference, in which he participated.]

WASHINGTON—Continual concessions have confirmed Chiang Kai-shek in the opinion that all he needs to do is yell and we'll come in. As we are doing, F.D.R. had decided on an air effort in China before we reached Washington. This suited the British who want to put a fight for Burma. Why should they fight to build up China, if we can be cheered into bearing the brunt of the war against Japan? They'll get Burma back at the peace table anyway.

Nobody was interested in the head-on work of building the ground force but Chennault promised to drive the Japs right out of China in six months, so why not give him the stuff to do it? It was the short cut to victory.

My point was that China was on the verge of collapse economically. That we could not air and land another year. That Yunnan was indispensable and that a force had to be built up to hold it. That if the Japs took Yunnan, the recapture of Burma would be meaningless. That any increased air offensive that stung the Japs enough would bring a strong reaction that would weaken every thing China out of the war. Witness the Chekiang campaign, brought on by the Jap belief that Tokyo was bombed from bases there. That the first essential step was to get a ground force capable of seizing and holding airbases, and opening communications from the outside world. Churchill's idea was, so he said, that China must be helped, and the only way to do it within the next few months was by air.

At the same time they decided on Saucy [Code name for a Burma offensive]. They made it practically impossible for me to prepare the Y force, and then ordered it used in an offensive. But British reluctance chased the wording of the directive to be loose that it would be up to the commander as to what he could do. He could go the limit or he could quit at any time. With Wavell in command, failure was inevitable; he had nothing to offer at any meeting except protestations that the thing was impossible, hopeless, impractical. Churchill even spoke of it as silly. The Libbyes all wanted to withdraw the force after the Akayab thing. The four Jap divisions in Burma have them scared to death.

The inevitable conclusion was that Churchill has Roosevelt in his pocket. That they are looking for an easy way, a short cut for England, and no attention must be diverted from the Continent at any cost. They Libbyes are not interested in the war in the Pacific; and with the President hypnotized they sit still pretty.

Roosevelt wouldn't let me speak my piece. I interrupted him. Churchill kept pulling away from the subject, and it was impossible.

So everything was thrown to the air offensive. F.D.R. pulled 7,000 tons [monthly over the Hump] but of the lift when told that 10,000 was impossible, and ordered that the lift be cut. First 4,750 tons for air [Four-

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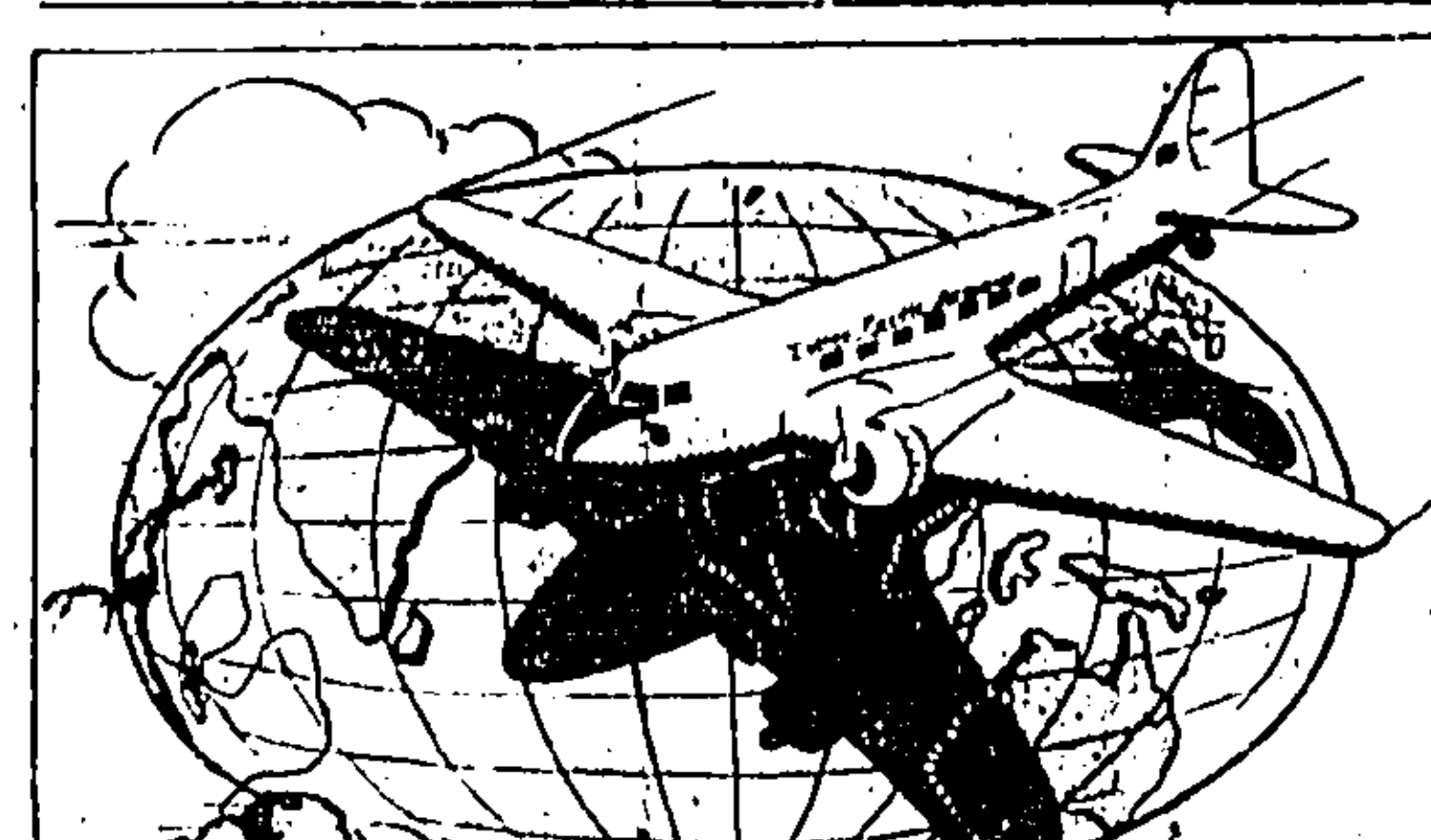
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WEST REITERATES STAND ON ISSUE OF BERLIN BLOCKADE

No Talks On Germany Will Be Held Under Duress SIR ALEXANDER CADOGAN MAKES FORCEFUL SPEECH

Paris, October 19.

The three great Western powers today formally notified the U.N. Security Council that they would not negotiate with Russia on any dispute over Germany until the Berlin blockade had been lifted unconditionally.

The three powers also re-emphasized that the blockade was the "only barrier" to resumption of Four-power negotiations on any or all German problems.

This forceful reiteration of the West's stand in the Berlin crisis was delivered to the Security by Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan.

At this evening's meeting, Mr. Vyshinsky sat reading a magazine, while Sir Alexander Cadogan said that when the blockade was lifted the threat to peace would disappear, and the Western Powers would be ready to discuss the whole German problem.

Sir Alexander replied in the name of the three Western Powers to the questions put to them at the Council's last meeting by Dr. Harnaghi.

He gave a review of the events leading up to the Soviet imposition of the restrictions on traffic between the Western Zones and Berlin.

Coming to the present situation, Sir Alexander said, with particular emphasis, "It is now abundantly clear, and I can hardly think that anyone can feel any doubt on this score—that it is the continuance of the blockade and this alone which constitutes the barrier to the resumption of four-

power negotiations on German questions, which the Governments of the United Kingdom, France and the United States have repeatedly declared that they are willing to undertake as soon as the restrictions have been removed."

A Barrier

Sir Alexander went on: "It is the contention of my Government that the continuation of these blockade measures constitutes a barrier to negotiations between the four occupying powers to settle outstanding problems regarding Berlin and Germany as a whole."

"It is this issue, which the Security Council has been asked to consider. 'When these restrictions have been removed, the continuance of the rights and obligations of His Majesty's Government as an occupying power in Berlin will also be removed, the challenge to the United Nations will be withdrawn, the threat to peace will disappear, and negotiations for the settlement of outstanding issues as regards Berlin and Germany can begin at once.'"

Four Point

Sir Alexander Cadogan then made four points:

1. The very great variety of the restrictions between March and July.
2. The imposition of these restrictions constituted a planned and insidious attempt to harass the Western occupying powers in the discharge of their obligations in Berlin, and to challenge away their rights as an occupying power.
3. The variety and inconsistency of the reasons given by the Russian authorities for their action.
4. The manifest insincerity of the reasons advanced.

Free From Duress

"Since the compilation of this account news has reached me this morning in fact of yet further measures to prevent any food reaching Berlin from the Soviet Zone."

"Lorries had been stopped and the local Soviet Commander had said that no food would be able to pass that way in the future. 'And yet the Soviet authorities say that there is no blockade.' While the British delegate was speaking, the chief Soviet delegate, Mr. Vyshinsky, read a magazine and Mr. Manuilsky, of the Ukraine, read what appeared to be a pocket edition."

Mr. Philip Jessup (United States) said that the three West-

ern Powers did not wish to avoid discussions with the Soviet Union, but wished to talk "free from duress."

He added that in demanding the immediate lifting of the Berlin blockade, "we in no way seek to be released from our commitment to carry out the joint directive drawn up in Moscow on August 30 to the four Military Governments in Berlin."

An Excuse

Mr. Jessup said that the records showed that the Soviet Military Government departed from the joint directive on three "fundamental matters of principle."

The three powers took the matter back to Moscow to "obtain affirmation by the Soviet Government of the principles of the directive to the Military Governments."

He added: "We obtained an unsatisfactory reply, and we came to the considered opinion that the Soviet Government was attempting to secure political objectives to which it was not entitled and which it could not achieve by peaceful means."

CHIANG SAYS UN HOPE OF WORLD

Los Angeles, October 20.

President Chiang Kai-shek believes that the United Nations is the main hope of the world for peace, but he warns the organization must guard against the "fatal mistakes" of the defunct League of Nations.

The Chinese Generalissimo expressed that thought in a cable to the Los Angeles Mirror for its symposium on peace.

President Chiang declared that "in its three years the United Nations made valiant beginnings. It has justified the hopes of the governments of which China is proud to have been one, which brought it into existence in 1945. It is imperative that it shall continue to receive the support and the unwavering faith which will give it moral authority in the world."

"We have had one tragic instance of the disaster which follows moral weakness in the collapse of the League of Nations. In its creation the League was hatched by all the high hopes which now greet the United Nations. It lost its moral authority when it flinched before the great test of Manchuria in 1931."

"Had the League backed up its word with action in the decisive crisis, the history of the world would have been different."

"The United Nations must not repeat the League's fatal mistakes. It must stand firm in its

insistence upon international good faith. It must not retreat in the face of moral decisions."

"China, for one, is prepared to give the United Nations unqualified support in its programme of peace. The United Nations is mankind's noblest attempt to achieve a world of international justice and law. It must not fail."

—Associated Press.

Migration Talks By Commonwealth MP's

London, October 19.

Migration and the distribution of population were discussed by delegates from 36 Parliaments of the British Commonwealth when the first Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference since the war began here today.

The Conference was opened by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

Mr. Attlee welcomed the delegates as "fellow Parliamentarians who practice democracy and not merely use it as a cloak for a perverted form of Government."

Pointing out that this Conference was the largest of its kind ever held in the history of the Commonwealth, Mr. Attlee said it was a "family gathering for understanding" rather than for formal resolutions.

It complemented the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers which was being held parallel to it.

Far Stronger

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, said that 400,000,000 out of 500,000,000 people of the Commonwealth were now fully self-governing, whereas in 1900 not more than 10 per cent of the total population had self rule.

Because of the expanding Parliamentary government, the Commonwealth was far stronger today than 40 years ago.

The countries taking part in the discussion on migration and distribution problems were India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Canada, Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Southern and Northern Rhodesia, Malaya, Trinidad, Mauritius and the Gold Coast.

All sessions of the Conference are being held in private.—Reuter.

Japanese Fear Of War

Chicago, October 19.

The former Commander of the Eighth Army, Lieutenant General Robert L. Eichelberger, today told the press that the Japanese fear another war because it probably would be fought at least partly on Japanese soil.

General Eichelberger said, "The Japanese have nothing to defend themselves with. I had the charge of disarming the Japanese and I am afraid I went too far. There is no army and the police are armed with nothing more potent than automatic weapons."

"The people of Hiroshima have nothing but admiration for the people of a country capable of making a bomb which could destroy their city. The situation at Hiroshima is the most perfect example of Japanese-American friendship that I know."—United Press.

Woman On An Unusual Charge

Plymouth, October 19.

Stella Costello, aged 24, described as a housewife of Inkerman Street, Swansea, was committed at Plymouth today for trial for unlawfully detaining 18-month-old George Buller by force with intent to deprive his mother of his possession in March 1945.

She pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence.

The prosecution said that she might have taken the child to get her discharge from the A.T.S. by posing as a married woman.

This mother, Mrs. Ruth Constantine Buller said that Costello sometimes took Barry out. On March 5, 1945, she asked to take Barry out for the day. Mrs. Buller said that she did not see the child again until September of this year.—Reuter.

Britain To Protest To Prague

London, October 19.

Britain will protest formally to the Czechoslovak Government over yesterday's police raid on the British Information offices in Prague and the arrest of the British Information Officer, Mr. Richard Wallis.

It is the view of the British Government that British press attaché and information officers abroad enjoy diplomatic status including all diplomatic immunities and privileges.

A spokesman said the Czechoslovak authorities recently confiscated the issue of the British Information Bulletin which publishes part of the British White Paper on the Berlin dispute.

"This shows they are aiming to keep the Czechoslovak people, who in their overwhelming majority are hostile to their Government, ignorant of the true facts of the international situation."

Recent evidence showed that the number of Czechoslovaks who listened to British broadcasts was "steadily increasing," he added.—Reuter.

Fast To Death For Children

Paris, October 19.

A 34-year-old Gandhi disciple, Charles Martin, who has been on a fast for six days "for international peace" in a house a few yards from the United Nations Palais de Chaillot headquarters, decided this afternoon to "continue till death" unless his action brings results.

He told Reuter: "I began my fast to draw the attention of the United Nations, the leaders of the churches, the United States of America, Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia, to the need for establishing real peace."

"My first aim is to get a piece of free territory where children could be evacuated to if the catastrophe of war comes again."

Martin, who was hollow checked and moved about slowly, added: "I would stop my fast if one of the countries at the United Nations offered me a piece of territory which could be converted into a reception centre for children in war-threatened countries."

Martin said that he had been drinking only water for six days and was "feeling fine." He has the support of the International Peace House (a non-political organization which has among its members the French author, Georges Duhamel, of the French Academy).

Martin was today preparing a peace appeal "in the name of Christ, Socrates and Gandhi."—Reuter.

To Stay In The British Sector

Paris, October 20.

The acting Mayor, Ferdinand Friedensburg, told a press conference today that the Magistrate would not return to the City Hall for its regular meeting on Wednesday.

He said that the Council would again convene in the British sector.

However, he said, the Magistrate at a future date would attempt to meet at the City Hall.

The acting Mayor said that Ernst Reuter, Socialist leader, who was elected Mayor of Berlin, but was barred from assuming office by the Soviet Union, had asked to attend the press conference as he planned, because the Soviet-controlled German police established check points at the main roads entering the Soviet sector.

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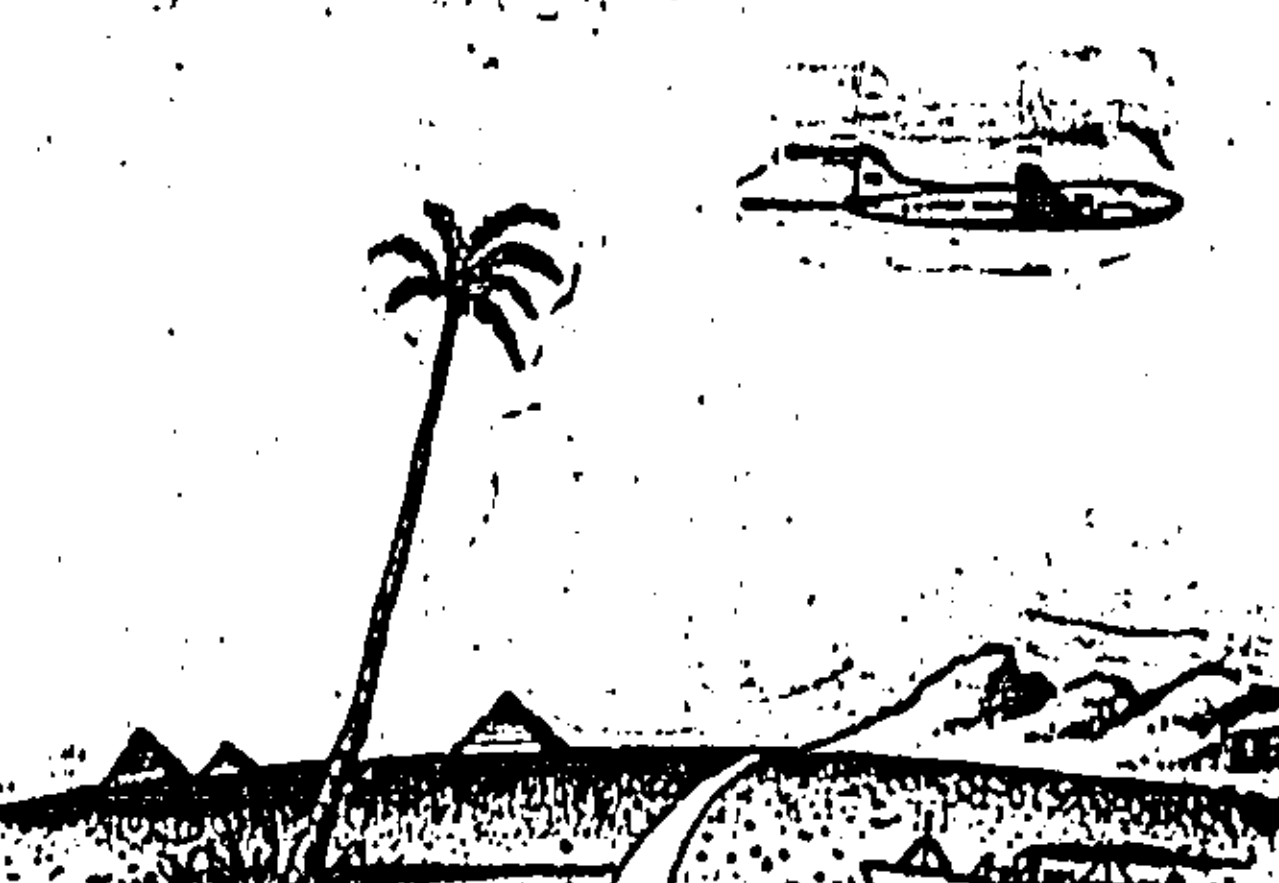
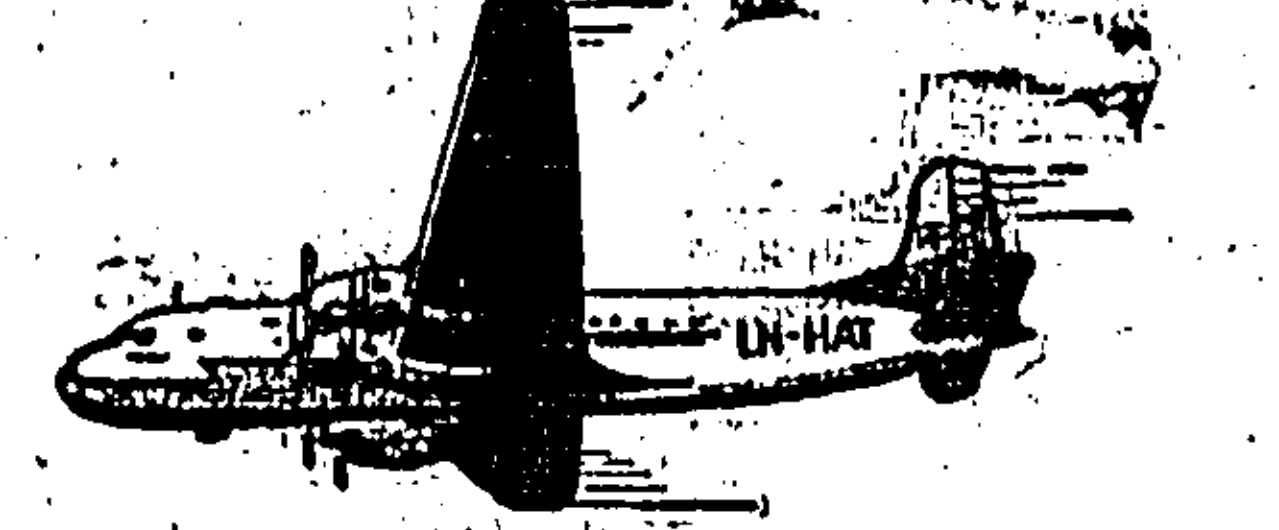


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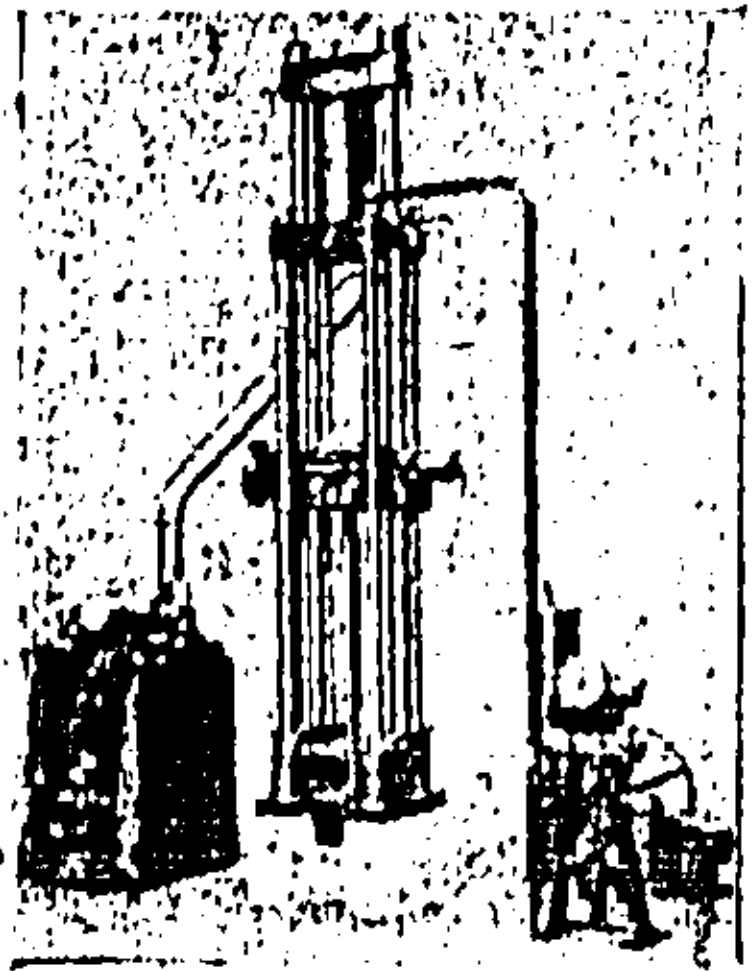
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ALL-WELDED BOILERS PROVE SUPERIOR TO RIVETED TYPE

Included in a contract lot to Messrs. Bernard-Smith (Pty.) Limited of Alexandria, by Messrs. Bitumen & Oil Refineries (Aust.) Limited, for some 22 welded pressure vessels and a complete steam raising plant, comprising four boilers, brick settings, flues, and self-supporting chimney, were the first all welded H.R.T. Boilers built in Australia.

These boilers were designed and fabricated by Bernard-Smith (Pty.) Ltd. (a subsidiary of Australian Consolidated Industries Limited) in their modern engineering works which have such necessary equipment as an X-Ray plant, hand and automatic welding machines, oil-fired forging furnaces, a 700 tons hydraulic press, a laboratory with machines for executing the necessary physical tests and the specialised experience necessary for executing Class 1 welding, as approved by the A.S.M.E. and Lloyds Boiler Codes.

Welded construction used in these boilers has a number of features which are distinct advantages over the riveted construction previously in use. The welded joints with the parent plates form one continuous and homogeneous piece of metal. Strains or abuse that would actually rupture the plates will not affect the welds. Also the use of butt welds avoids "double thickness" joints that might cause trouble from overheating.

This feature allows the use of thicker plate for the shells of externally fired boilers which means that other higher pressures may be carried or larger boilers built. The boilers under discussion have a heating surface of 2,000 square feet and a pressure of 105 p.s.i. This is the highest pressure yet given for H.R.T. Boilers of this size. In addition, enustic embrittlement is avoided, as no case is known of a welded boiler failing from this cause.

Severe Tests

When using welding, many severe tests are required and very careful supervision is always exercised.

The manual welds are made only by skilled operators who must pass rigid qualification tests before being allowed to work on Class 1 pressure vessels. Also, X-Ray pictures are taken and recorded of every inch of every welded joint. Then, after the welding is completed the whole boiler is heated in a furnace with careful temperature control and stress-relieved.

Test plates of the same steel as the boiler's plates are attached to the boiler shell plates in such a manner that

they are welded together as a continuation of the welded joint in the boiler.

Tensile and bend test specimens are cut from these plates after stress-relieving and the tensile strength of the joint and the deposited weld metal must be greater than the tensile strength of the plate before the welds are accepted.

Every step in the fabrication of these welded boilers is inspected and approved by qualified engineers before the next step is proceeded with.

It can be seen that no stone is left unturned in order to be able to say that the welds are stronger than the plates.

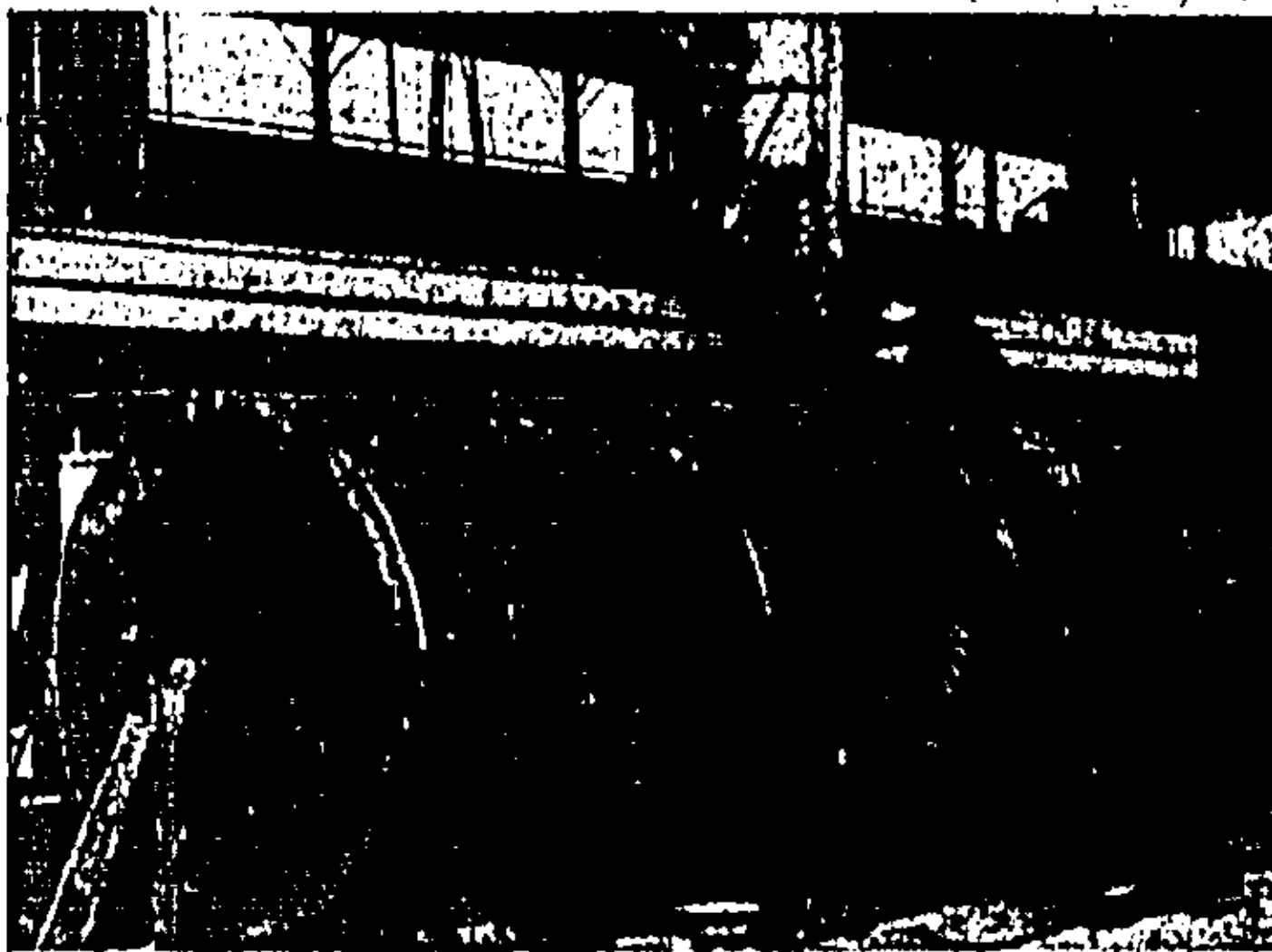
For First Time

This type of construction which has previously been used by Bernard-Smith (pty.) Limited only on large Power Station type of boilers, has now been used for the first time for industrial type boiler plant.

The outside welds were made (again for the first time in this country) by means of automatic shielded arc welding using the Lincolnweld process.

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Construction Of Boiler



The welded construction used in the Bernard-Smith boiler has proved to give greater strength and provided less danger of over heating.

granular flux is deposited on the joints to be welded, deep enough to cover the completed weld. The welding electrode is power fed into the blanket of flux, its rate of feed automatically controlled. Since the arc and the molten metal are blanketed by flux at all times the weld metal is completely protected from contact from the air, assuring maximum

quality of welds, and making possible the use of extremely high amperage for faster welding.

The welds produced by this machine are of uniformly high quality. The economies made possible by using this type of construction will doubtless result in an increased number of pressure vessels fabricated by arc welding in this country.

432 Voices On One Cable

Better telephone facilities between London and Brussels and other points in Europe will be provided by a new cable designed and manufactured in Britain capable of carrying 210 simultaneous conversations. The cable consists of two concentric copper tubes round a copper core insulated by polyethylene (or polythene) and suitably protected. The new cable is nearly 80 kilometres long and weighs approximately 1,000 tons, and is another illustration of the progress made in telephone transmission during the past 25 years.

Several telegraph communication cables were laid between Britain and Belgium before 1923. The first speech cable between the two countries was laid in 1926 and another in 1930. Eventually the telegraph cables were abandoned and a third telephone cable carrying 120 wires was laid in 1932.

Since 1970, when Britain's Post Office entered the submarine cable business, it has built up one of the biggest cable-laying and repairing organisations in the world. Now it maintains four vessels one of which, the

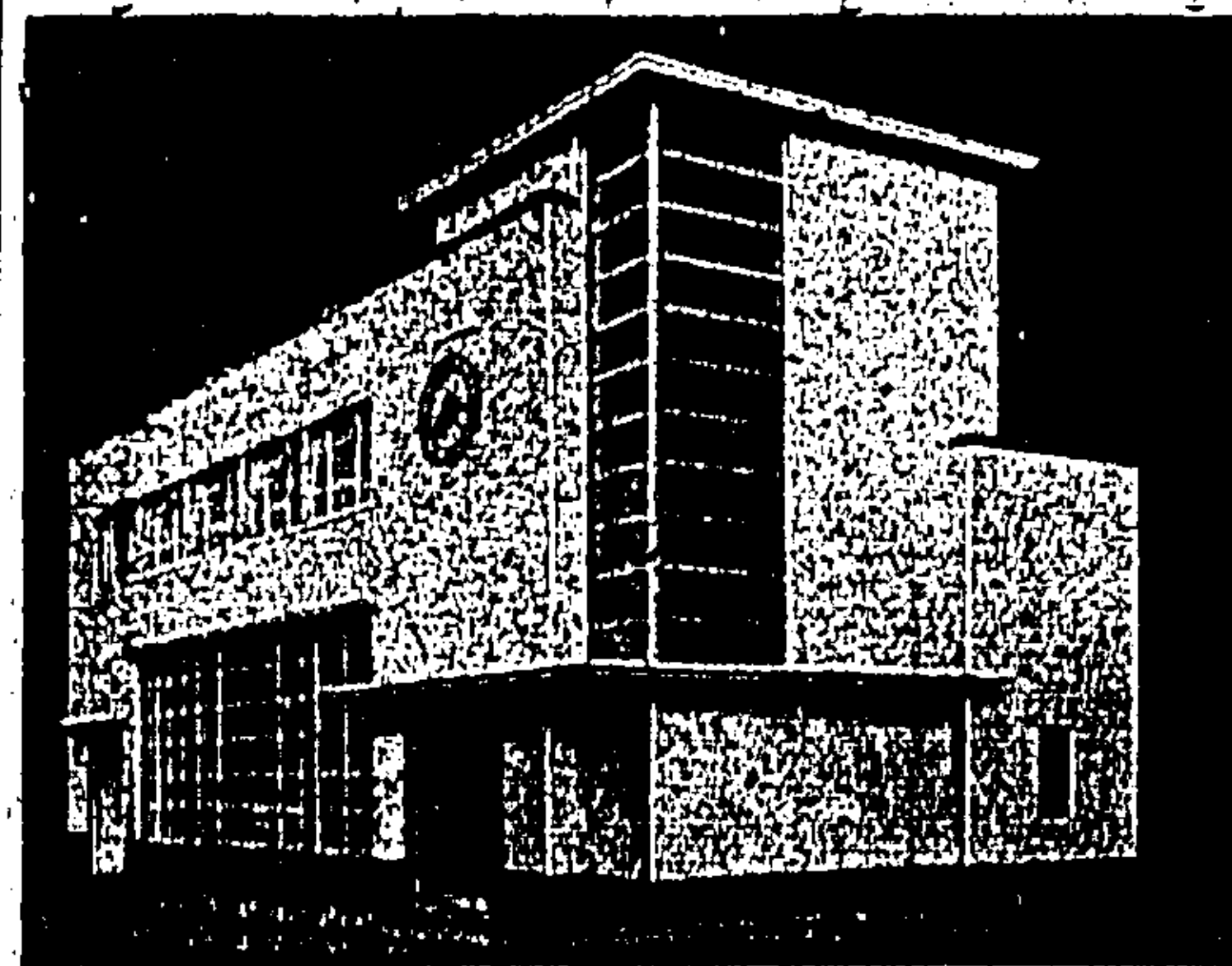
Push Button Accounting

Technicians in Britain are working on a machine which, operated by electronic impulses, will be able to make up the balance sheets of huge firms with thousands of branch offices, at the push of a button. This accomplishment will benefit from great advances in technical knowledge gained during World War II. The experience gained during the war on bomb-sights is being applied to the principles

of electronic calculators. The work, carried out in the laboratory of the Burroughs Adding Machine Limited, Regent Street, London, is based on the idea that the function of a balance-sheet is to give an up-to-date, and accurate picture of the state of the company's business. This picture is emerging from business transactions made day by day. At present no balance-sheet is ever up-to-date because of the time lag in making it up. The electronic accountant will overcome the time lag.

A machine is already in the laboratory stage which, it is claimed, will store figures, coming in day by day, in the form of patterns of electrons and which will add, or subtract, multiply and divide them instantaneously. At the head-quarters of an organisation employing such an electronic accountant, there would be a panel on which can be recorded instantaneously the effect on the company's financial position of the latest transaction of its remotest agent. So the balance-sheet, keeping the company abreast of its affairs, could be practically made every day by pushing a button.

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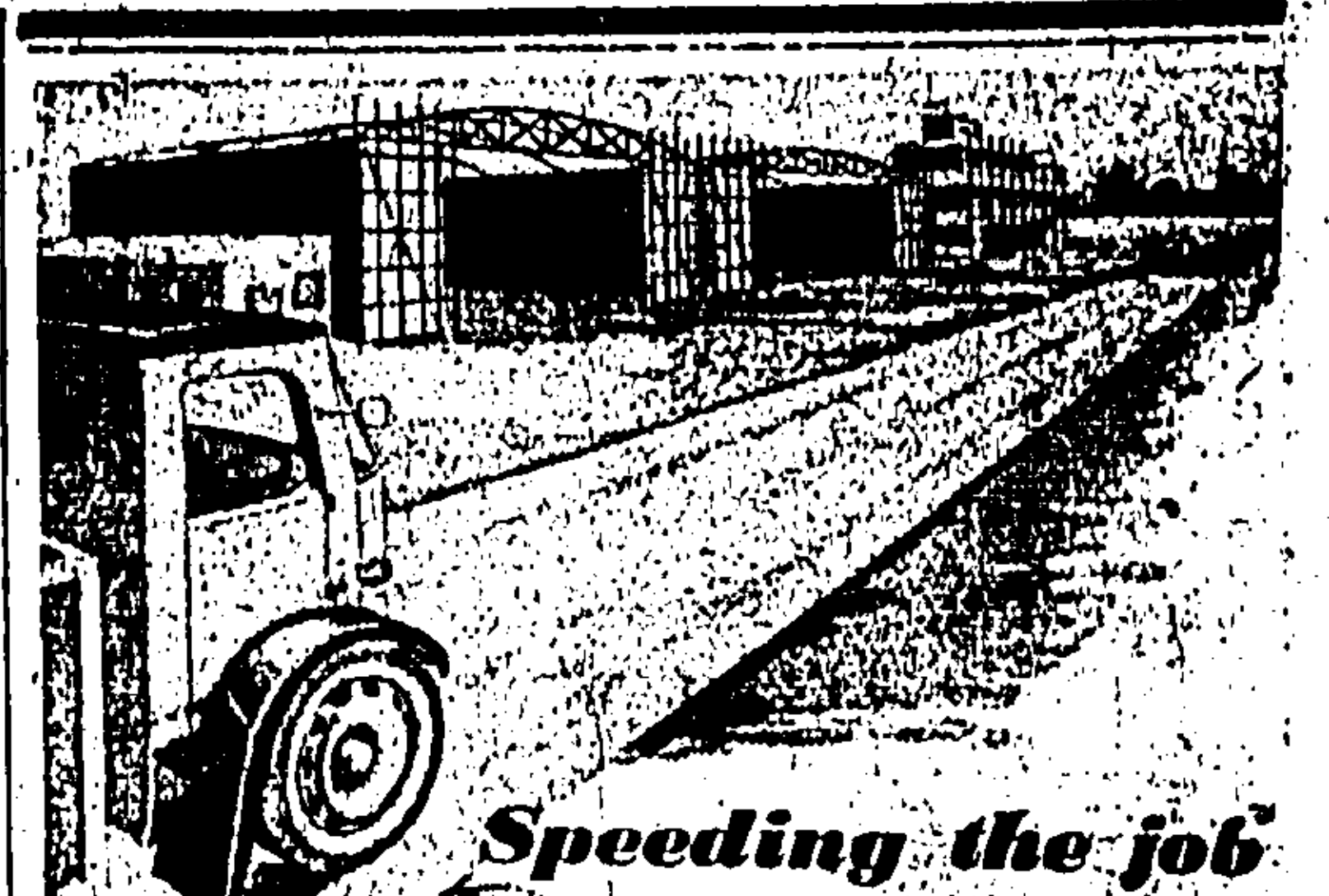
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Warping is the enrichment of soil by alluvial material extracted from water which is circulated over land and drained off. A leaf provides an example of the necessary construction, with the main channel or stem sucking water from a river through sluice doors and feeding subsidiary channels or veins. Each time deposits a layer of warp about one-tenth of an inch and it is so rich in mineral matter that the new soil when "created" at sufficient depth should yield crops of 40 or 50 years compared with manual warping, the mechanised method, recently invented involves half the cost and a fourth of the former time.



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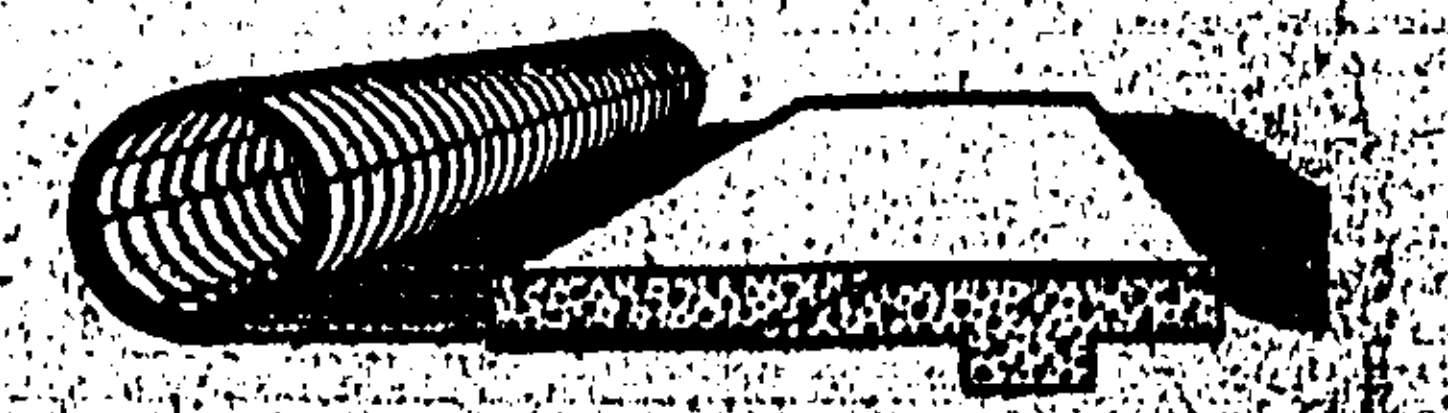
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Commonwealth Premiers Discuss Berlin Crisis

London, October 19.

The need for a revival and consolidation of democratic opinion in the Western Hemisphere as a means of preserving peace was agreed on by the Dominion's statesmen at a four-hour meeting here today.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, who last week considered measures to counter the Communist threat to democracy throughout the Near, Middle and Far East, today focussed their minds on Europe's most urgent crisis—Berlin.

Every Prime Minister took part in the discussion. It was understood that there was general agreement on the pressing need for maintaining and stimulating the democratic spirit in Europe.

There was unanimous recognition that the United Nations represented the only existing instrument capable of mobilising, for this purpose, the active support of foreign countries and especially of those occupying a particularly vulnerable position in the present European situation.

It was accepted that speedy economic recovery was a prerequisite to democratic consolidation in Europe.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, gave the Dominion leaders, assembled in plenary session at No. 10, Downing Street, his considered appraisal of the likely impact of Western Union upon Commonwealth economic and other policies.

The all-day session, probably one of the most vital since the conference began, ranged over the whole field of Western world questions, including the Marshall Plan, and was complementary to the thorough examination of the problems of the Middle and Far East to which the Dominion leaders gave over a whole day last week.

Service Ministers and Chiefs of Staff again sat in on today's meeting.

Main Theme

The main theme was the Berlin blockade. The general question of Western powers and Western Union, the Brussels Pact, Austria, Trieste, Greece and Italy were also discussed.

Particular problems affecting France were also touched upon. Mr. Bevin is understood to have placed before the conference the United Kingdom's views on the means of maintaining, with the support of members of the Commonwealth, the United Nations Organisation.

He is believed to have analysed also the methods of securing a revival of the democratic spirit in territories where it has been undermined or temporarily driven underground by the power of dictatorship.

The Dominion leaders thrashed out problems of the veto being exercised in the United Nations when major powers do not agree. There was general agreement that the United Nations must be made to work.

Although the Conference did not concentrate particularly on the dismantling of German industry, this question was considered in relation to the part economic recovery will play in Europe's democratic revival.

The Antarctic

The Dominion leaders, it was understood, saw no incompatibility between Western Union in Europe and the interests of the Commonwealth group.

One issue of foreign policy which, according to a usually well informed source, has already been discussed in Conference quarters is the American proposal that the Antarctic territories should be placed under an eight-nation condominium of interested parties.

These territories are British colonies but they are also claimed by Argentina and Chile. The British Government is believed to be giving sympathetic consideration to the principle of the proposal.

No information is, however, available so far from official quarters here as to whether it is endorsed by the Commonwealth delegates as a whole.—Reuter.

AIR FORCE READY FOR ANYTHING

Wiesbaden, October 19.

Lieutenant-General John K. Cannon said today that although American air patrols were being massed for peace, "with the forces available in Europe we are taking steps to meet any eventuality."

The commander of US Air Forces in Europe said that the British and American staffs running the Berlin airlift could be expanded to include all types of craft.

"History has shown us that the British and American Air Forces can operate together," said General Cannon. He added, however, that there were no plans at present to increase joint manoeuvres of the Americans and British.

When asked how war would start if it came, General Cannon said, "We will cross that bridge when we come to it."

He said the American airlift was "greater than any operation of that nature we had previously" and that it would continue without any changes for the present. He added that he found the US Air Force's morale in Europe "high."—United Press.

Shanghai Shop Raid

Shanghai, October 20.

The economic police spent the whole of yesterday inspecting the books and stocks of the Efron jewellery shop in the Palace Hotel but declined to make any statement on their findings.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Efron, White Russians, were arrested last Saturday in their shop for allegedly making sales in United States currency.

In a long visit to the shop yesterday, the economic police checked up the books and made an inventory of several gold watches and other items.

Mrs. Efron, haggard and pale, left her police hospital bed to accompany the detectives to the shop.—Reuter.

Brauchitsch Made Last Statements

Hamburg, October 19.

Ex-Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch, one of the four German generals awaiting trial as war criminals, made certain death bed statements, as yet undisclosed, before he died in a British military hospital last night.

His death was caused by coronary thrombosis (blood clot of the heart).

It was learned in Rhine Army circles that his wife, who was with him at the end, is herself very ill with heart disease, and may not recover.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is assumed that the body will be handed over to the relatives.

von Brauchitsch was one of the four German generals awaiting trial as war criminals after being held as prisoner of war in Britain.

It's Worth Its Weight

Shanghai, October 20.

Undertakers reported today that coffin sales are booming. With most shops cleaned out of stocks on hand after a month-long buying spree, the local public has turned to coffin, and they are demanding the best brands available.

Said one buyer, "a coffin may not be backed by gold reserves but at least its worth its weight in wood."—Associated Press.

NO MERCY FOR LUIS TARUC

Manila, October 20.

Luis Taruc, fugitive leader of the Hukbalahap guerrillas, no longer can expect amnesty and probably will face charges of treason and murder if caught.

Colonel Alberto Ramos, Presidential military adviser, told correspondents today.

"Taruc was given an amnesty for past crimes, not for present depredations," Ramos said.

Taruc, avowed Communist, was pardoned by President Elpidio Quirino last June in a Government effort to settle the long-standing disorders in Central Luzon. He took his seat in Congress and collected his back pay, but 50 days later returned to hiding when his followers refused to give up their weapons.—Associated Press.

Atomic Committee Still Deadlocked

Paris, October 19.

The United Nations Political Committee adjourned in deadlock tonight after discussion of the report of the sub-committee.

This recommended that the "Big Five" and Canada should consult and if they could reach an agreement on the control of atomic energy.

The Soviet Union demanded that the Soviet "compromises position" for simultaneous conventions on control and banning of atom bombs should be considered immediately.

The Belgian chairman, M. Paul Henri Spaak, earnestly appealed to the two parties to come nearer to agreement overnight.

Tomorrow, the committee will vote on a revised Canadian resolution, the sense of which is to order the six powers to meet to determine whether a basis exists for agreement.

The new resolution also calls on the Atomic Energy Commission to resume work.

Sir Hanley Shawcross (Britain) assured the Soviet Union and Poland that there was no intention, or desire, to force upon them the entire conclusions of the majority. He said that the Canadian resolution was no more than a basis for future work.

The Eastern delegates maintained that the Canadian resolution did not represent a compromise in any sense, and did not take a single step forward.—Reuter.

SWING TO THE RIGHT IN FRANCE

Paris, October 20.

The new Council of the Republic, the Upper House of France, is going to take a sharp swing to the right.

Figures compiled from Sunday's election indicated that leftists and near leftists will have only about 130 members of 320 on the Assembly, this compared with 219 in the old one.

The rightists will have the balance of about 190 compared 83 the last time.

In the present assembly there are a few members who defy classification. The greatest losses will be the Communists and the Catholic Popular Republicans.

The elections do not represent exactly the strength of various parties in France. The voting for the council is weighted in favour of the country districts where the Conservatives are stronger and against big cities where the Communists and leftists generally are stronger.—Associated Press.

TORIES SWITCH TO FRANCO

Madrid, October 20.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Conservative Member of Parliament for South Dorset, was quoted as saying in an interview with the evening newspaper "Pueblo" today that the majority of the Conservative Party had changed its opinion in favour of Spain and desired relations between the two countries.

Lord Hinchinbrooke is also reported to have said that neither Russia nor any other country desired a war and for this reason he believed a solution could be found in the coming months.—Associated Press.

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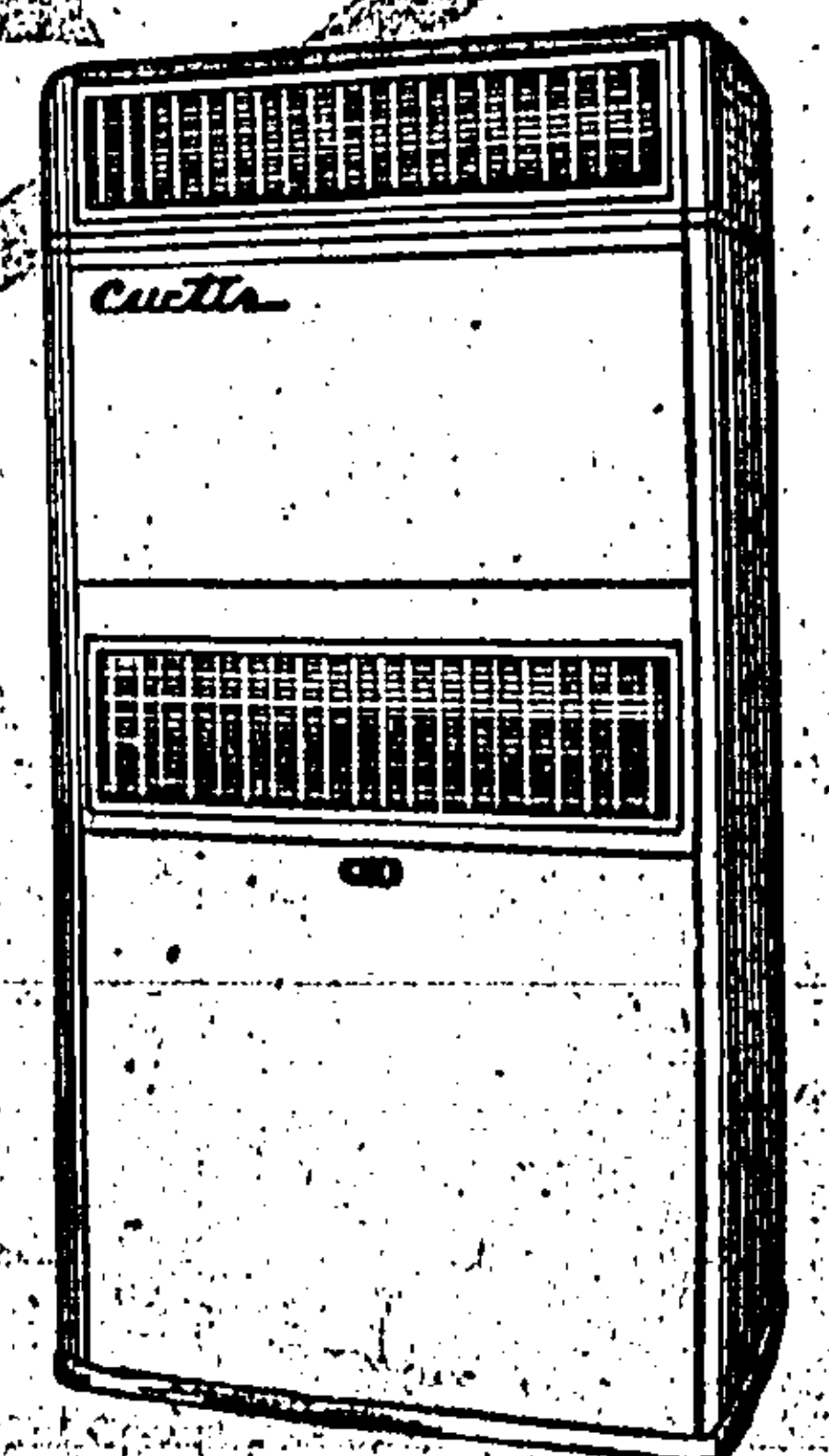
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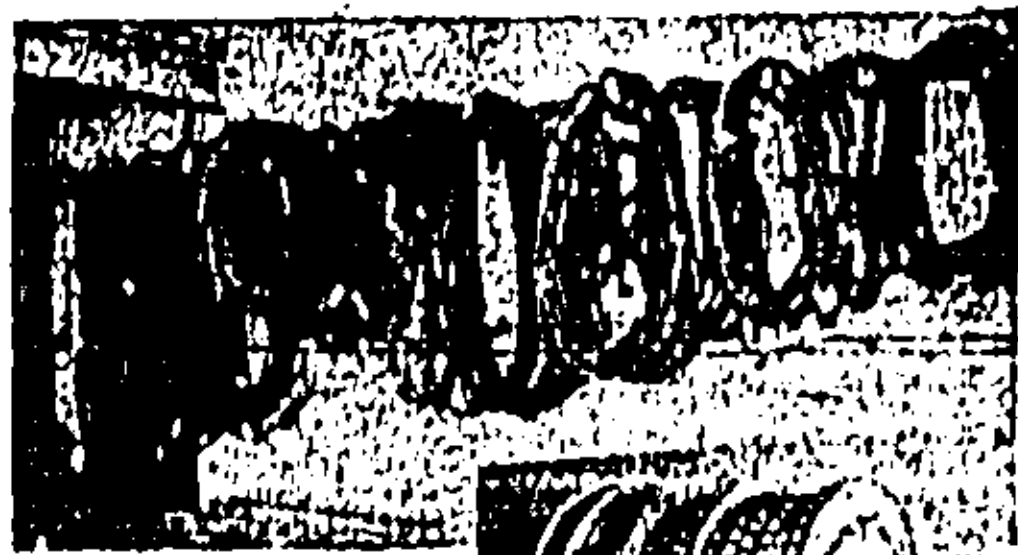
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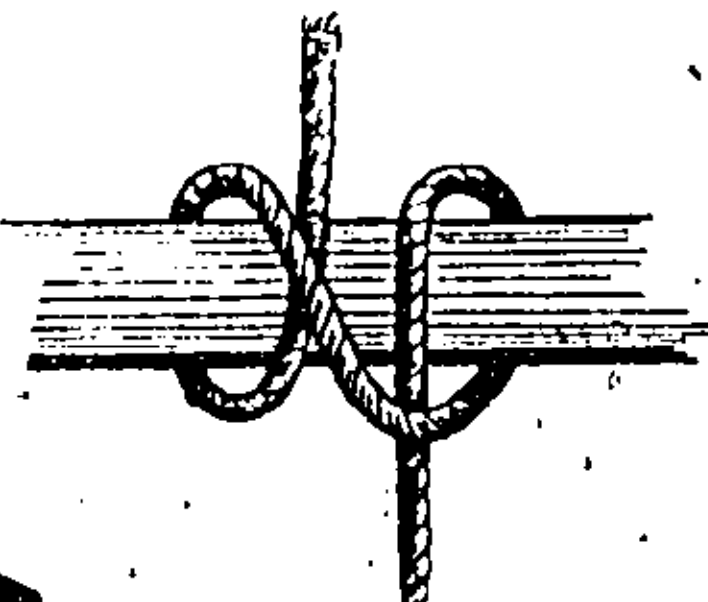
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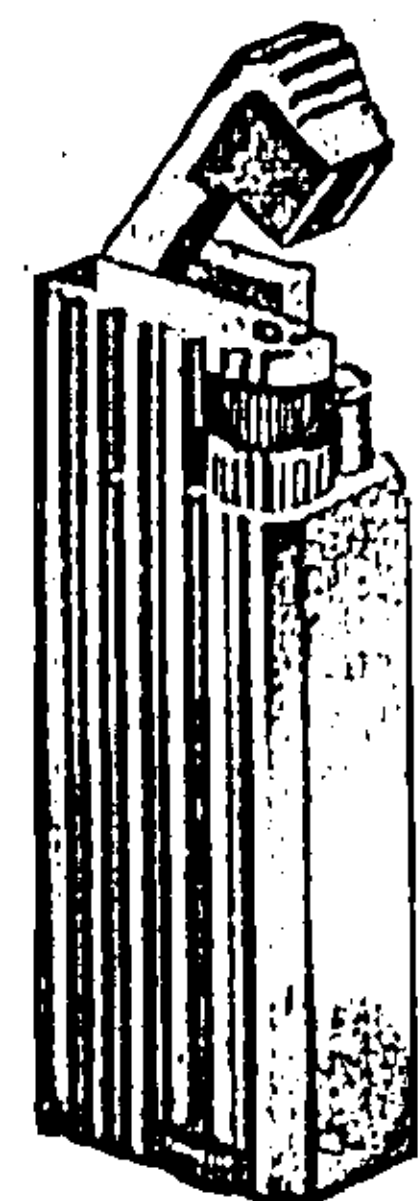
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Extra Rice To Be Shipped To Asia

The International Emergency Food Committee today
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120,000 metric tons of rice to Asia to help
meet deficit supplies due to civil unrest in
South East Asia.

The Committee, a branch of
UN Food and Agricultural Or
ganisation, said 13,000 tons
were obtained through the
September appeal to European

countries to use less rice and
provide food for Asia's mil
lions.

The remainder came from sur
pluses of rice available in non-
Asian exporting countries.

Additional allocations and
source:
20,000 tons to India from Italy.

2,000 tons to United Kingdom

territories in South East Asia

from Italy.

20,000 tons to Ceylon from

Italy.

37,000 tons to the Philippines

from Egypt.

33,000 tons to India, including

10,000 from Ecuador, 10,000

Mexico and 7,000 from the U.S.

FAO said the 7,000 tons from

U.S. and 16,000 from Ecuador

formerly were earmarked for

Europe but re-routed to Indone

sia in response to the September

appeal.

It said another 40,000 tons may

be obtained from Siam and

French Indochina as result of

the appeal.

The large shipments are pos

sible from Italy because of the

rice surplus there. Italy has had

rice to export since before the

war. Recommendations to channel

Italy's surplus to the Far East

were accompanied by the sug

gestion that in order to help Asia,

Italy should meet small orders of

neighbouring European countries

by cutting down domestic con

sumption.—Associated Press.

Military Aid For Burma?

London, October 20.
Reports are current that
Britain has proposed, at the
Commonwealth Premiers' con

ference, joint military aid to

Burma by Britain and India.

The reports were denied by a

Foreign Office spokesman who

also denied that Britain is con

sidering supplying arms to Burma.

Well-informed diplomatic quar

ters, however, take it for granted

that Britain is constantly com

plying with requests for arms

from the Burmese Government.

This is in conformity with the

military annex of the Anglo-
Burmese Treaty of August, 1947.

Meanwhile the Burmese For

eign Minister, U Kyaw Nyelin,

now in Paris for the United

Nations meeting, is expected to

come to London.

While here he will see the For

eign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

—Reuter.

SCANDAL ON RIVIERA

Cannes, October 20.
Police of the Economic Brigade
today were combing the Riviera
for Rene Antonioni, mayor of a
Cabrils small mountain village
and believed to be the chief of
one of the biggest black market
rings since the liberation.

Antonioni, who has been miss

ing for several days, is reported

to have escaped with a fortune of

over 27,000,000 francs made by

reselling on the black market

Swiss food packages supposedly

destined for destitute French

families and ex-servicemen.

The ring, according to Police

and Customs officials investigat

ing the case, would probably in

volve several local officials and

well-known Riviera personalities.

—United Press.

Sino-Soviet Air Pact

Nanking, October 20.
The Chinese Government today
officially informed Russia of its
willingness to open negotiations for
a new aviation agreement re

placing the 1939 pact.

The pact, which gave the

Soviets exclusive rights for for

eign operations of plane service

in far west Sinkiang province,

ends on September 9 next year.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman,

in an interview with the United

Press, said the Chinese reply was

sent to the Soviet Embassy recent

ly.

In formed sources said that

China is likely to request the end

ing of the Soviet rights in Sin

kiang and that a Sino-Soviet

airline be organised with actual

control on a 50-50 revenue basis.

—United Press.

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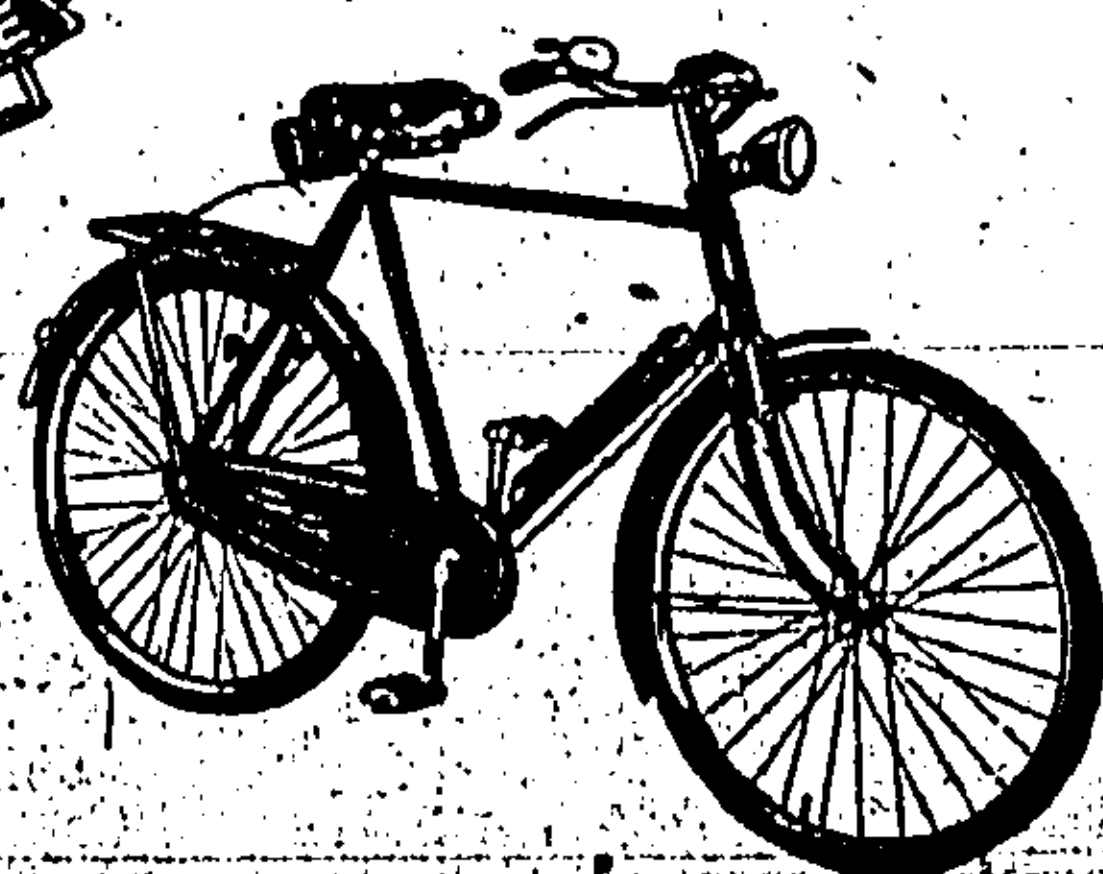
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Crack Train Loses Face

Shanghai, October 20.
The "Flying Express," pride
of China's railways, lost face
for them again. It jumped
the tracks between Nanking
and Shanghai yesterday and
had to be carted away for re

pairs.

The Flying Express, a
streamlined, air-conditioned
train—the only one in China
—made its debut two months
ago in the heat of summer.

It lost face on its maiden

trip; the air conditioning ap

paratus broke down and a

host of officials, guests and

newsmen on board stewed for

four hours.—Associated Press.

BALDNESS IS PSYCHOLOGICAL

London, October 20.
The "Practitioner," British
medical journal, has reported the

case of a man who was cured of

baldness by the acquisition of a

new house.

Declaring that "the essential

cause of alopecia areata (patchy

baldness) is psychological," Dr.

F. F. Heller, dermatologist, wrote

in the magazine:

"A patient of mine revealed

that he was 'fed up' at living in

his mother-in-law's house. No

doubt, there were deeper conflicts

lurking in his subconscious, but

the acquisition of a new house

cured his depression and his

alopecia."—Associated Press.

U.S. POLICY LACKS MORAL FORCE

London, October 20.
A plea to the United States to condemn General
Franco is contained in an open letter to Mr.
George Marshall by Senor Madariaga publish
ed by the Manchester Guardian as an article
on its editorial page.

The writer starts from a
wider base than the "policy of
the United States... still lacks
the essential condition for suc
cess—moral force."

Although highly complimentary
to Mr. Marshall and the European
Recovery Programme, he states
that dollars and atomic bombs
are not enough to defeat Com
munist.

Spain, according to Senor
Madariaga, is the test case for the
West.

"Beware of your realists, Mr.
Secretary," he writes. "They are
still thinking in terms of ob
solete weapons, such as rockets
and atom bombs, forgetting the
most up-to-date and potent (if
the oldest) explosive there is—the
human heart. Spain is your
Japan of today. By condemning
Franco, Mr. Cordell Hull con
quered the heart of the millions
of Europeans, who have been
taught to distrust American
motives."

"But if you will lead a crusade

Mr. George Marshall Received By Pontiff

Castel Gandolfo, October 19.

Mr. George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, today
had a half hour's private audience with Pope
Pius at the Pope's summer palace here. It was
the first time they had met.

It was officially stated at the Vatican that they dis
cussed various questions concerning the cause
of peace and the good of humanity.

Mr. Marshall had already
seen President Einaudi, Signor
Aldice de Gasperi, Prime
Minister, and Count Carlo
Sporza, Foreign Minister, since
reaching Rome from Athens
last night. He was due to
return to Paris later today.

The Italian Communist press
today attacked the visit bitterly.
Units wrote: "The war-non
gor Marshall is the centre of a
vast intrigue which will develop
at Castel Gandolfo. He is very
interested in a desire for medi
ation by the Vatican between the
two rival blocs, which was sug
gested in Osservatore Romano
It is very significant that three
days after the publication of a
leading article on this subject
in the Vatican organ, Marshall
comes to see the Pope."

Italy's Position

The Messaggero (Independent)
wrote: "There is not the slightest
reason for thinking that Mr.
Marshall will discuss hypothetical
secret military undertakings with
Italian statesmen. There is how
ever, point in making contacts

on political questions raised by
the division of the world into two
blobs and on economic questions
raised by American aid to Italy."

The Arrangiamento Libera
le said that well-informed circles
were unanimous that Mr. Mar
shall was "making it clear
during his visit that the State
Department considered Italy
should have a position in the
Mediterranean and in Europe
corresponding to her history,
strategic position and large po
pulation."

Anzio Visit

Mr. Marshall drove to the
audience with the Pope accom
panied by his wife and the
American representative to the
Holy See, Mr. Franklin Gover.
The United States Ambassador to
Italy, Mr. James Dunn, went
with them, but did not take part
in the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall later
drove to the American military
cemetery at Anzio, where they
spent a quarter of an hour beside
the grave of Mrs. Marshall's son,
killed in the beachhead battle
there in 1944.

At the entrance to the

cemetery, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall

left Mr. Dunn and went alone to

the graveside. Mrs. Marshall

was deeply moved as she left the

graveyard.—Reuter.

UN LEAFLET WAR IN CHINA

Shanghai, October 20.

Seven major cities, including

Shanghai, Canton and Commu

nist-blockaded Mukden, will be

"bombed" with United Nations

propaganda leaflets by a Civil

Air Transport plane on United

Nations Day next Sunday.

Other cities to be showered

with leaflets are Peiping, Tien

tsin, Tsingtao and Hankow.—

Reuter.

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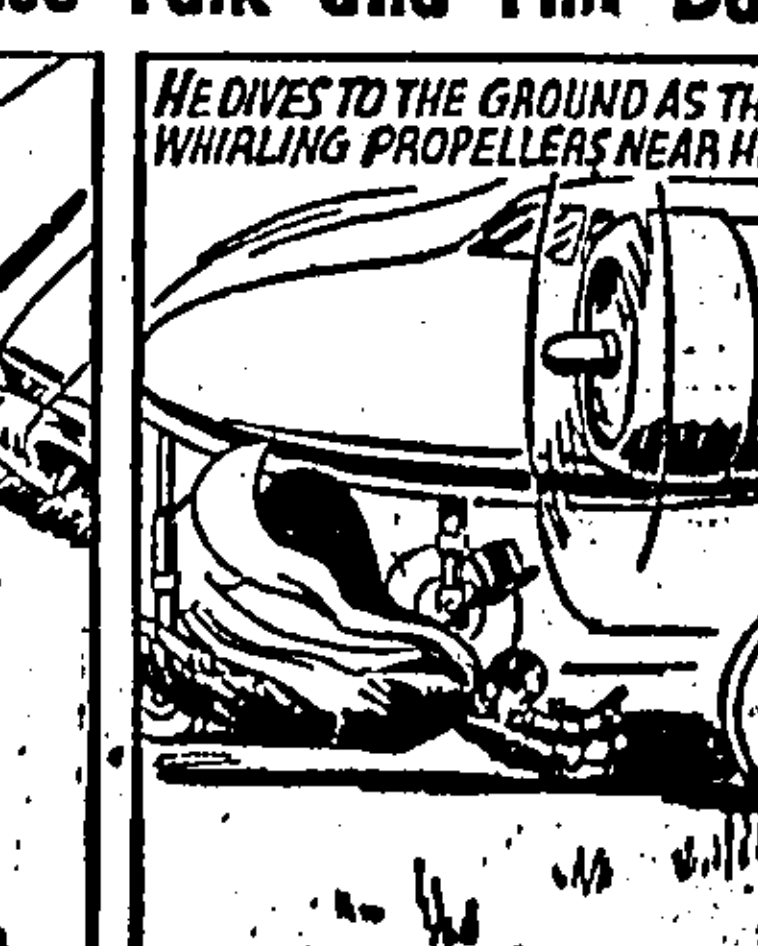
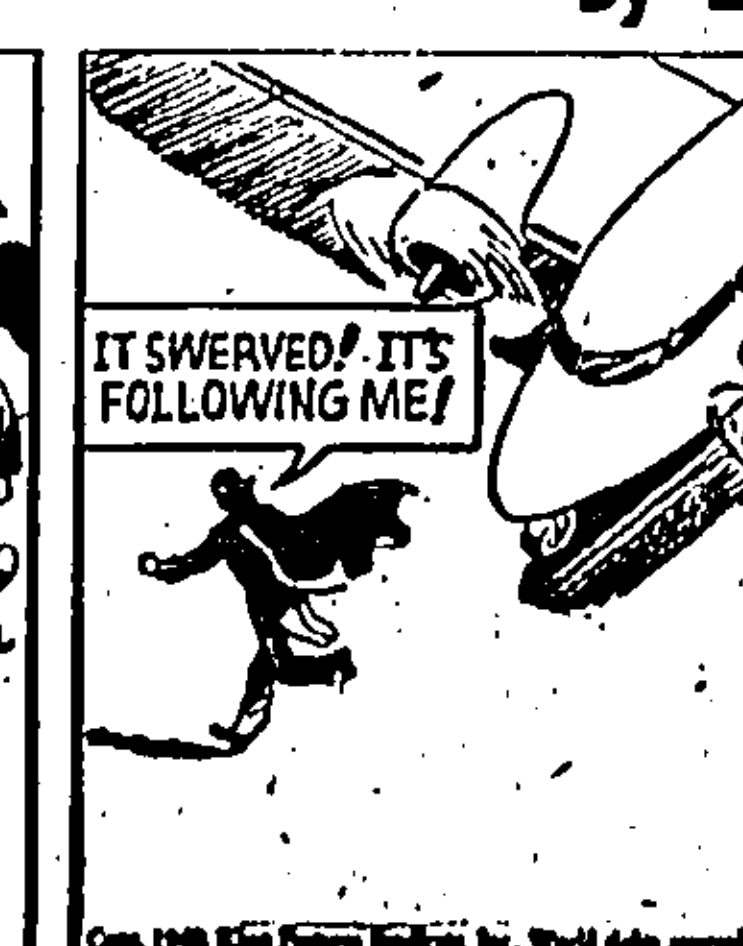
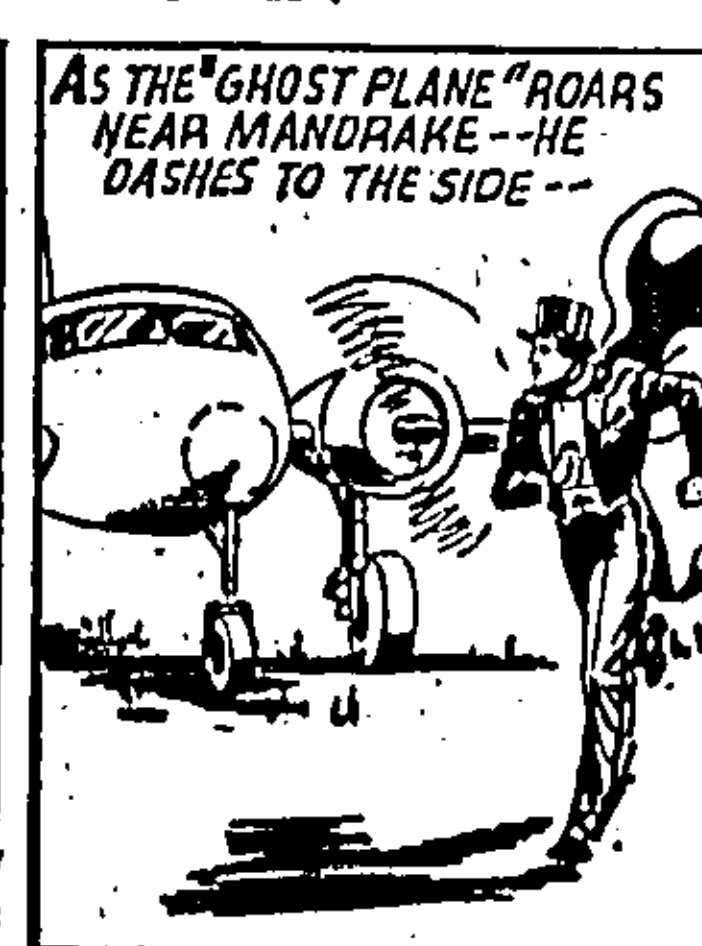


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RUSSIA TIGHTENING BLOCKADE OF BERLIN

Berlin, October 19.

Soviet-controlled German police today surrounded blockaded Berlin to tighten the siege, US Military Government and police officials reported. Mr. Charles Bond, chief of the U.S. Military Government's Berlin police section, said the Russian-sponsored police had made it virtually impossible for any food to trickle into the Western-occupied areas through the Soviet blockade.

Soviet-controlled police had established check points all along the border of the Soviet-Western sectors of Berlin, as well as along the boundaries of Western Berlin and the surrounding Soviet Zone. Mr. Bond said the police were rigidly enforcing the Soviet order that traffic may enter Berlin from the Soviet Zone only through the Soviet sector of the city.

This Russian order has completed the Soviet blockade of Berlin—now tight by land and water. Only the Allied airlift is free from Soviet restrictions. The Russians seeking to increase the burden of the Anglo-American airlift, are using police-manned roadblocks to prevent west Berliners from slipping into the Soviet Zone to buy food on other goods with the coveted Deutschmarks. German newspapers reported today.

Roadblocks

Der Tag and Der Abend said that since the week-end, police blocks had been erected on all strategic points along highways, in railway stations and in country villages, in a fervent effort to halt the importation of food into the blockaded sectors of Berlin.

Persons caught bringing in food, the newspapers said, were being sent to the Soviet uranium mines in Czechoslovakia. The Tagliche Rundschau reported that new blockade measures were outlined yesterday, at a meeting of zone chiefs in Potsdam, by Paul Markgraf, Moscow-trained chief of the Soviet sector German police.

Markgraf claimed: "On the order of the Western powers, trucks are being sent out systematically to plunder the Soviet zone."

Airlift Figures

As the Soviets tightened their blockade, the Allied airlift continued to bring food, coal, medicines and other supplies into the city.

The British announced tonight that in the week ending Monday

25,431 tons were shipped in; of this, 79.4 per cent were carried by American planes and 20.4 by the British.

The British also announced that since the beginning of the airlift 328,283 tons of goods had been flown.—United Press.

Red Petrol Beats The Black Market

London, October 19.

The Fuel Minister, Hugh Gaitskell, estimated today that Britain has saved about 100,000 tons of petrol since June 1 by the use of red petrol to thwart the black market.

Long Trek From Terror

Shanghai, October 20.

The local Russian Emigrants Association is expecting the arrival of 135 Russian refugees who trekked from the remote province of Sinkiang to Lanchow, the capital of Kansu Province, last year.

They are arriving on board a Chinese steamer from Chungking, where they were transferred last week from Lanchow by the Chinese authorities.

About 800 Russian inhabitants of Sinkiang, near the Sino-Soviet border, started their trek in June last year to Lanchow. They claimed they were escaping from Soviet tyranny and persecution.

During their stay in Lanchow and Chungking, they were looked after by the Baptist and other missions.—Reuter.

Eden Suggests "True Counter"

Leamington, Warwickshire, October 20.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition, and a former Foreign Secretary, today suggested that the economic recovery of the Western nations was "the true counter" to Communism.

"The Kremlin does not want the Marshall Plan to succeed because if it does succeed and Europe can recover, this will put an end to all hopes of a Communist triumph, based on poverty and fear," Mr. Eden told a meeting here.

"It is the spiritual freedom and the economic recovery of the Western nations which is the true counter to Communism. By relating the three systems of the British Commonwealth, Western Europe and the United States, we have the answer to the worldwide Communist challenge."—Reuter.

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GERMANY PULLING ROUND

Berlin, October 20.

An American financial expert said today that Western Germany by Spring may reach the 1938 production level—one of the healthiest in German history.

Mr. Jack Bennett, chief financial adviser to the American military commander said:

"Production already is at 67 per cent of that level. This has been made possible by the European Recovery Aid and the new currency—the Western mark pegged at 30 cents to the dollar." "Absenteeism in plants has dropped to almost nothing."

"Everybody is working and production is skyrocketing."

"Weak industries are being weeded out. They are run by businessmen complain that the mark is pegged too high to pay a profit." Mr. Bennett said they have been too long used to Hitler's Government subsidies.—Associated Press.

REBELS ATTACK OIL CENTRE

Rangoon, October 20.

The Government is rushing troops to Yenlangyat, a petroleum centre in the Pakokku district under attack by insurgents, a military communique reported.

It said that the attacks were made by a force numbering 100 using locally made cannon.

The report did not specify whether the insurgents were Communists or the White Band People's Volunteer Organisation. Sources close to the Government said that White Band anti-governmental activity has "practically ceased."

The communique stated that the rebels earlier attacked the Yenlangyat police station, which the police abandoned when their ammunition supplies were exhausted.—Associated Press.

A UNIVERSITY FOR SUSSEX

Brighton, October 19.

Brighton's five-year plan for further education includes the establishment of a Sussex University at Stanner Park, the wartime training ground for D-Day troops. It also envisages a college of music and drama, adult education, three county colleges and community centres.—Reuter.

WORLD'S BIGGEST SHIP-BUILDER

London, October 19.

Great Britain is still the world's greatest ship-building nation, it was revealed today.

Lloyds Register shipbuilding returns for the quarter ended September 30 show that of the 4,203,873 tons gross of steamers and motorships under construction in the world, 52.6 per cent is being built in Great Britain and Northern Ireland and 47.4 per cent in other countries.

The figures for Germany, Japan and Russia are not included. During the quarter, in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 236,288 tons of steamers and motorships were begun, 271,070 tons launched, and 271,021 tons completed.

The similar figures for abroad were 45,239 tons begun, 290,839 tons launched and 254,563 tons completed.

All vessels exceeding 25,000 tons are being built in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Among the leading countries, France is building 388,012 tons of shipping, Sweden 283,025 tons, Italy 221,537 tons, Holland 211,327 tons, Denmark 138,496 tons and Spain 106,788 tons.

Of steam and motor oil tankers of 1,000 tons gross and upwards, Sweden is building 13 totalling 133,000 tons. France is building seven totalling 76,835 tons and Denmark five totalling 55,068 tons.—Reuter.

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"TJITALENGKA"	from Macassar	to Javaports	28th October	28th October
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar	to Javaports	11th November	11th November

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"MOISSEVAIN"	In port	to South Africa		12th November
"TJIBODAS"	from South America	to Shanghai	2nd November	2nd November
"TJIKAMPER"	from South Africa	to South America	20th November	20th November
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"VAN HEUTS"	from B. Dell	to Straits & Belawan	4th November	4th November

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"LANGLESCOT"	In port	to Europe via Manila & Straits		21st October
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DEWEY HAS "FAIR AND WARMER" ECONOMIC POLICY FOR AMERICA

New York, October 19.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey has an economic policy that would let American businessmen work in a "fair and warmer" atmosphere if he becomes President, according to Fortune Magazine. And with his probable Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, he shares a "relatively optimistic" view of the chances for Europe's economic recovery.

London Stock Exchange

London, October 19. The oil share market was stimulated today by the news of the Royal Dutch-Shell group's financial scheme. A large dollar loan is to be issued on the New York market. Share prices showed useful gains with Royal Dutch at 24½ and Shells at 27½/32. Trading in other sections was small.

Industrial shares profit-taking in steel but even so, these issues managed to record net gains. Tobacco and textile not small demand.

Government stocks were depressed by expectations of a new Government loan. Details of this are expected in the near future and it is believed to be for financing the Government's electricity programme.

Large investors in gilt-edged were holding off, pending the terms of the issue.

Foreign bonds and calls spent a quiet day without noteworthy alteration.

The South African mining market opened with a burst of Cape buying of Pretoria shares. The resultant advances, however, were not fully held when the market lapsed into idleness.

The South African gold index improved to 20.0.

SECURITIES:

British Consols, 2½% 78-11/16

Conversion Loan, 3½% 1951, 108-11/16

Foreign Loan, 4½% 1950/51, 113½

War Loan, 3½% 1952, 104-3/16

War Loan, 5½% 1952, 104½

Victory Bonds, 4½% 113½

INDUSTRIALS:

British American Tobacco (of G.B. and Ireland), 6½

Imperial Chemical Indust., ord. 67½

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. and Ireland), 6-7/8

MINE SHARES:

Hurma Corp., 9/8

Crown Mines, 9-10/16

Nunobond Mines, 11/8

Hand Mines, 5½

Spring Mines, 8/5

Sub Nigel, 4-11/16

Tavoy Tin Co., 21/8

Union Corporation, 21/8

OIL SHARES:

Royal Dutch Co., 24½

Shell Transport and Trading Co., 8-13/16

P. & O. Steam Navis, Co., ord. 55½/4

GILDED:

Funding Loan, 3½% 103½

National War Bonds, 2½% 101

1940/51, 108-7/16

1952/54, 108-9/16

1954/56, 108-7/32

Savings Bonds, 3½% 108-3/16

1950/51, 102½

1955/75, 102½

Psychic Bonds, 1½% 100½

Government Stock, 3½% 1950/51 100½

FOREIGN BONDS:

German Loan (Dawson), 7½ 7½

Japanese 5½% 1957/57 27½

Japanese 5½% 1957/57 27½

Jap. S. Manchurian Rly. 5½% 1923 17

BANKS:

Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. 12

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank 11½

Merchants Bank of India "A" 21

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:

Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 6½ 10

Long-Tsai-U-Hai Rly., 5½ 10½

Hebei Loan, 5½, 1913 10

Chia Loan, 5½, 1912 10

Hukang Railway, 5½, 1911 10

Honan Railway, 5½, 1908 11

Shanghai Nanking Rly., 5½ 11

Hankow Canton Railway, 5½ 11

Steel Bonds, 14

Fortune reported that the Republican presidential nominee and his probable choice to head the State Department believe "Europe's considerable resources can be more fully employed." They also believe Europe possesses a major secondary source of wealth in its African colonial empire; an empire that can provide new sources of raw materials. They would have the United States take steps to accelerate the development of these areas.

"The real opportunity open to a Dewey administration in foreign economic policy lies in the realm of world trade. The great question is whether the whole complex flow of trade between Europe and this country and the world will remain under state direction or will be returned to private individuals working in open markets."

"A stand by the new administration for an aggressive trade policy could well be decisive. Moreover, it would not be inconsistent with Mr. Dewey's principle of reciprocal-trade treaties."

Fortune observed that Mr. Dewey is for full production of factory and farm. He is against planned scarcity, public or private. He is for as little governmental intervention in the affairs of business and the people as possible, subscribing to the theory that the least government is usually the best government.

Free Competition

"As a firm believer in the competitive system, Mr. Dewey would intervene in the operations of business primarily to guarantee freedom of competition."

Mr. Dewey administration may be expected to enforce the principle of the Sherman and Clayton (anti-trust) acts but at the same time sponsor or encourage efforts to revise both laws. As written, the Governor believes they are a handicap rather than an aid in promoting real competition and that the subject business to unnecessary uncertainty.

"On labour the Republican administration will follow a hard line. This means no basic retreat on the Taft-Hartley Act, but it does not preclude revision to allow for better administration of national labour policy."

Fortune said Mr. Dewey would insist on a balanced national budget by reduction of government expenses and imposition of "relatively high taxes in good times."

—United Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, October 20.

Crude rubber was 18 to 20 lower with sales of 35 contracts.

December 21.00; March 21.65

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 22½ nominal. Associated Press.

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BRITISH COAL PRODUCTION

London, October 20.

The Ministry of Fuel reported today that Britain mined 4,228,000 long tons of coal last week—the most since the week ended June 6.

British coal production has been gaining steadily for the last seven weeks but is still under the weekly average of 430,500 long tons needed to hit the year's target of 21,000,000.

Total output in the first 41 weeks of 1948 was 102,978,400 long tons.

Last week 420,000 long tons were exported or delivered to ships bunkers against 37,000 the previous week and 97,000 year ago.

Miners and National Coal Board officials continued with their second day of talks on how to increase production. Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London, Silver, Spot fine ounce

47d, Forward 47d, Bar, Gold, per

fine ounce 172½

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked

price) 77½ cts, Bar, Gold, per

fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100

tolas Rupees 175, Annas 65; For-

ward 174, 12; Marwar (unofficial)

174, 12; Gold, delivered, per

tola 114, 12; Forward (unofficial)

113, 14; Sovereign, 75, 08. (One

tola is equal to 1/4th of an ounce.)

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buy-

ers 105.00, sellers 100.00; U.S.

Eagles, 200.00b, 320.00b; Gold Bar

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5.825; Union Latine 5.700; Sovereign

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U.S. \$ 5; Sovereign (in free

U.S. \$ per ounce) \$98.9; Napoleon

(in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$102.2;

U.S. Dollar notes (in black-

market) 480.

Paris Free Market Rates:

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delivery of counterpart, 234.24

gramme 234.24 Frs. Without

counterpart, 234.24 Frs. Silver

ingots, per kilo 6,800b, 7,400b;

Platinum Ingots, per kilo 800-

000b, 855,000b.—Reuter.

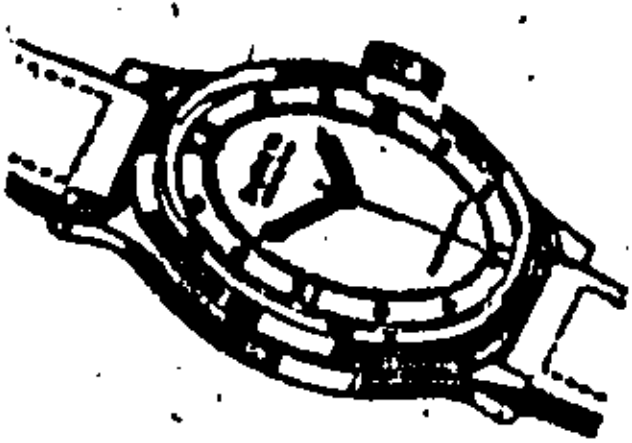
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LEAGUE PROGRAMME STARTS IN SCOTLAND

3 Matches Decided In Tennis

Three matches were played yesterday in the Open Tennis Tournament organised by the Ladies' Recreation Club.

In the Ladies' Singles, Miss Law Hui-yeo beat Miss Gutz 6-4, 8-6, 6-2.

Two matches were played in the Mixed Doubles and resulted as follows—
Mr. Gutz and Mrs. Stroobach beat Mr. A. T. Dow and Mrs. B. Jones 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Mr. Tsai Wai-pui and Mrs. R. Lutton beat Mr. F. C. Kowall and Miss P. Ward 6-1, 6-1.

The following games are down for decision today—
MEN'S SINGLES
Mr. J. Kington v Mr. G. Strickland; Mr. J. B. Hartman v Mr. N. C. Begley; Mr. H. Sengul v Mr. S. Smart and Mr. J. L. Vaher v Mr. A. J. Clifford.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Mr. J. L. Wright and Mr. N. E. Arthur v Mr. J. H. Hartman and Mr. D. F. Chavess; Mr. H. Hartman and Mr. G. E. Strickland v Mr. R. Rander and Mr. A. L. Polak; Mr. P. L. Bonnerman and Mr. K. M. Gutz v Mr. J. L. Barnes and Mr. A. J. Clifford; Mr. G. W. L. Ward and Mr. F. Alexander v Mr. K. A. Stupeloff and Mr. W. J. Kington.

Queen's Beat EKS; Wah Yan Swamped

Only three games were played in the Inter-Scholastic Basketball League at Caroline Hill yesterday, the matches between Chi Hing and St. Paul's being postponed.

In the only Senior game of the afternoon, Queen's College beat Ellis Kadourie 19-15.

Wah Yan were completely swamped by Chung Hwa, who ran out easy winners in their Junior game, winning 35-12.

St. Joseph's also showed up very well against Hon Wah, whom they beat 20-18.

The following are today's games—
SENIOR LEAGUE
Hon Chung v Queen's College. (6 p.m.)
H.K. University v Hon Wah. (6 p.m.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Kin Lup v St. Paul's (5 p.m.)
In a friendly basketball game at the Chinese YMCA at Bridge Street yesterday evening, Chinese Street beat USS Oakland 47-35.

TENNIS RESULTS

In an Inter-Club Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament match at the Greenough Cricket Club yesterday afternoon, Mrs. N. Castro and Mr. R. Baker beat Miss C. Moffa and Mr. D. J. Leonard 6-1, 6-4.

By ALCYDES

Scottish football on Saturday switches to a straight League programme. It may be recalled that they last fulfilled a League fixture list on Saturday, September 4.

Since then the "A" and "B" Sections have been deciding the Cup competition and the right to enter the quarter-finals. In "A" Division Rangers, Dundee and East Fife have all clear leads, but the four teams of "D" Section all finished with six points from six games.

St. Mirren ran out winners by virtue of a superior goal average. Raith, Hamilton, Alloa and Aldrine have reached the quarter-finals in "B" Division.

The improved form of Middlesbrough who have scored eight goals without reply to gain four points from their last two games in the League, will be followed by the other teams in the "A" Division.

On Saturday they visit Liverpool where in their last two meetings they have scored two goals and lost four points. As a matter of fact in their four post-war League meetings with Liverpool, the Reds have taken seven points. It looks very much as if the Merseysiders will concede a couple this week-end too.

Preston North End found Middlesbrough anything but a walk-over. The Wolves have invariably come off best. This can be seen from the fact that in the last two meetings, the Wolves have won both games and scored five goals.

Derby County, too, seem to be on a good ground for Chelsea are the visitors. On form this looks a good home win but Chelsea have won the last two matches very decisively. Derby and Portsmouth are the other two teams in the "A" Division.

After all a team cannot go on winning for a whole season. Preston North End did gain maximum points in football's early days but these two teams are competing in first class football and it will be a great accomplishment if either of these two better Arsenal's left of last season.

Arsenal Picked
Talking of Arsenal gives "the cue" to introduce their visitors—lowly Everton. The Toffees were one of the few teams that got any change at Highbury last season (Everton got a point for sharing two goals). Everton are down and I doubt their ability to make any impression on the Gunners.

One other game in Division One catches the eye—that between Sunderland and Manchester City. City came off best last season from a Sunderland fighting against relegation but the Weariders can reverse the decision this Saturday and a home win is expected.

Southampton receive Leicester City while Spurs—cock of the roost at the moment—go to Luton. (Bury and Cardiff are without game). West Bromwich receive

Blackburn Rovers and it looks as though all three will win their games, thus making the leadership of the Second Division as open as ever.

Draw Predicted
Swansea, present leaders of the Third Division South go to Norwich where they won 2-1 last year. The Canaries have improved of late and now possess 14 points earned in the same number of games. It won't be as easy as last year for the Welsh men but a draw seems a fair result.

Leyton Orient were one of the competing factors to Bourne-mouth's promotion failure last year, and Orient struggling at the bottom of the table took three points from them. On form the points should go South but this may be a bogey ground and this game would be well avoided on pools.

Darlington have upset two other home favourites this season. Whilst displaying moderate football form at home (they have lost three home games) their away record includes distinguished victories Rochdale, Hull, Gateshead, Hartlepool, and Chester. They receive the revived Doncaster on Saturday. I fully believe the latter will win.

Sentence Of Seven Years For Robber
Lau Tak alias Lau Sang-ka alias "Tang Ka-ma" was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and seven strokes of the cane, and seven years' hard labour to be served concurrently, by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a jury found him guilty of assault with intent to rob and robbery by two or more persons.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution. Accused was not legally represented. Mr. Hooton said that accused was one of a gang of armed men who assaulted PC185 Tang Cheuk in May 1947 and robbed a student, Wu Kwok-wai, of a camera on June 1, 1947.

Mr. Hooton said that PC185 came off duty at about 1 a.m. on May 11 and spent his time at the Shan Monastery, Castle Peak. Suddenly he was seized from behind and seven men, a number of whom were armed with revolvers, pushed him along with force to some bushes nearby. There they asked him for his pistol and he told them that he did not have one.

The men then searched PC185 and having failed to find a revolver, let him go. On June 1, Wu Kwok-wai was at the Ching Shan Monastery at Castle Peak with some friends. Just as they were about to prepare their lunch, six men came up, all of whom were armed with revolvers. The men took Wu to a monk's cabin and there robbed him of his camera.

The case for the crown was that the accused was one of the party of men which assaulted PC185 and later robbed Wu.

Another Farewell Bout For Champ Joe Louis

New York, October 19. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, said today that he will definitely defend his title in an outdoor bout next June.

He added that if the Ezzard Charles versus Joe Baski fight on December 18 looks good, he would fight the winner.

"If nothing comes of that show, I might take on Leo Savold, who is pulling a comeback," Louis said.—Reuter.

Yvanovich Breaks Chinese Monopoly In 200-Yard Breast

By KIMBERLEY
From the local point of view, one of the most important results of the recent interport swim meet between Hong Kong and Manila, was the final triumph of Johnnie Yvanovich in the 200 yards breast stroke, putting a dash and to the long monopoly by the Hong Kong Chinese over the distance.

Johnnie was placed an excellent third in the 200 yards breast swim, finishing two yards in front of the champion Leung Hin-kin in 2 minutes 41.8 seconds, equalling the time set by Leung when winning the title in the Championships.

Amabuyok and Cayco, the Philippines' Olympians who won the race in 2:33.6, held the attention of the crowd with their brilliant exhibition of breast stroke swimming. But even before the first 25 yards of the race was completed, Johnnie had made an impression.

Lining up for the 200 breast were Leung, Cayco, Yvanovich, and Amabuyok, all of whom got off in an excellent even start. Yvanovich emerged slightly ahead of the other three and sprinted to the 25-yard wall with then following a head being.

At the turn, Yvanovich lost and his opponents drew abreast. Leung and Cayco then pushed forward for a lead, but Yvanovich held them, dragging Amabuyok along to place all the swimmers on a single neck line. This kept up for 125 yards until Leung made another attempt to lead.

Full Advantage
Then came the fight from Amabuyok who took full advantage of the fifth turn to lead. Half way down the 150, Cayco, taking the cue from his team mate, accelerated to pass Yvanovich who in turn reached the wall half a body length before Leung.

After that mark, it was clearly the Philippines' race. But the challenge of Yvanovich to Leung was only beginning.

Yard by yard the Filipinos drew away from the field with Yvanovich chasing with a determination never yet seen in his swimming. Leung was tiring fast, his usually wide, far reaching pull, technique, shortening rapidly as he tried desperately to make good for lost ground.

Yvanovich on the other hand, had his mind on the Philippines, seemingly unconscious that his keen rival Leung was behind him.

Spurred Him On
Heading for home from his last turn, he saw Leung just about to complete the 175, and this spurred him on to an even greater pace.

Leung gained in that last 25 yards, making up more than three yards of the distance that separated him from Yvanovich.

Police Pensions Amendment Approved

Legislative Council yesterday approved an amendment to Police Pensions Regulation 7, sub-regulation (1).

The effect of the amendment, explained the Acting Attorney General, Mr. G. E. Strickland, was to enable certain non-gazetted police officers, who had been employed, after retirement on abolition of office, to count their service before and after retirement as continuous for pension purposes.

A number of such officers had already retired for the second time and they would therefore not be covered by the proposed new Pensions Ordinance even if it should be made retrospective to January 1, 1947.

In the meantime these officers had been awarded alimentary allowances which could not be converted into pensions until the proposed amendment was passed. Chinese, Indian and European officers are affected and this is the first time that the proposed amendment has been passed.

SINGAPORE TAKES TO BOXING AGAIN

Professional boxing has become popular again in Singapore.

KCC Meeting To Be Held On Oct. 29

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be held on October 29 at the Clubhouse, King's Park, at 6 p.m.

The report and balance sheet of the Club, circulated to members yesterday, showed a surplus of HK\$30,847.81 in the Accumulated Fund Account.

During the 1947-48 season, the Club's "A" team played 21 games, won six, drew 19 and lost three. The "B" team played 19, won eight, and lost six. Several inter-club matches were also played during the period.

The Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the Shanghai Inter-Club Cricket Team to supper in November. The supper was followed by a dance.

"We have to thank our President, Mr. Abraham, for offering balls for worthy scores 75 runs. After this mark was attained twice in one game, it was decided to raise this to 100 runs. Congratulations are extended to Archie and Francis Zimmerman and R. E. Lee who were members of the 1947/48 interport team against Shanghai. To Francis Zimmerman goes the honour of the 'hat trick', which was suitably rewarded.

It is hoped that our younger members will show increased interest during the coming season and, with our old stalwarts, will the honour of placing the KCC at the head of the League tables.

Grounds Improved
The grounds have been improved considerably. Grass courts were available at the commencement of the Tennis League. There are now eight courts for use. The cricket pitch has been completely re-turfed, and thanks are due to members who so generously subscribed to the cost. The left hand corner has been re-levelled and now used for net practice. The far corner, still in bad shape, will in due course be improved, then further Tennis Courts will be available.

"With the re-constitution of the League and Championship series, the KCC's position has been strengthened much of its pre-war popularity, the court being occupied almost daily throughout the season. The Club entered two teams in the "B" Division of the Men's doubles and one in the Men's singles. The Men's "A" finishing the season in third place. In the Badminton Championships, G. Saul won the Men's Junior-Singles and in partner hip with W. Gillies won the Junior Doubles title.

Greater interest was shown in Tennis by members during the past year, but activity was curtailed somewhat due to the poor state of the courts, but with improvements to the grass courts, and to the three hard courts, next season should see the Club in a very strong position in this section. Club Tournaments were revived during the year and five teams were entered by the Club in the Lawn Tennis Association Leagues which have not yet been completed.

The bowls programme for 1947/48 was heavy but well patronised, with more than 50 active bowlers taking part. During the season the upper bowls green was re-turfed. Since thanks are due to members who subscribed to this project. The competitions for last year were abandoned owing to lack of time. Two teams are entered in the League, one in the First Division and the other in the Second Division. Both are well up in their respective sections. The first encounter between the KBCC and KCC for the Liberation Shield was won by KCC and much credit goes to our bowlers for this grand effort. The bowls section wishes to record its sincere thanks to the President for his continuous help in supporting this game.

Back To Pre-War
"With the exception of the flooring, the Billiard Room is now back to pre-war standard. The Club's thanks are due to an old member for his generous gift of the chairs surrounding the room. Four tournaments were held during the year, the Billiard "A" handicap being won by C. Pope, Handicap "B" by E. C. Fincher, Snooker Handicap "A" won by C. Pope, and Handicap "B" by H. Scott.

"During the year the Committee authorised the expenditure of \$200 for new books. Subscriptions have been made to four books: Club in England and from each a new book a month is received. So far 80 new books have been received with a further 70 to arrive in the near future.

Results At A Glance

SECOND DIVISION
Navy 8 Solitaires C. O. South China 4 Club
P.C.A. v St. Joseph's
* This match was postponed.

Navy Beat Solitaires By 8 Goals

Only two games were played in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League yesterday afternoon, the match between P.C.A. and St. Joseph's being postponed.

At Causeway Bay, Navy had another field day at the expense of Solitaires' Clerks whom they trounced by eight clear goals. Ruffery was in fine fettle for the sailors and scored five goals for his side, the other scorers being Brown (2) and Jones (1).

The match between South China and Club at Caroline Hill which was played at a fast pace and evenly contested throughout resulted in a win for the Chinese by four goals to one.

Club enjoyed as much of the play as their opponents, but their forwards lacked finishing and it was in this department that the Chinese were more superior. At half time, Club were leading by one goal to nil, McKenzies netting with a brilliant shot early in the game.

On resumption, the Chinese immediately gained the equaliser and went on to score the remaining three goals at regular intervals. The Club did more of the attacking, but their forwards fumbled chances.

Today's Soccer

SECOND DIVISION
Teamways v K.M.B. (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee: J. Day.
Talkin v C.A.A. (Club, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee: N. Deighton.
University v Kitcher (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee: W. Joelling.
W.L. Chinese (bye).

BOWLS LINE-UP

KCC v HVB
The following will represent the Committee and Members in a friendly bowls match on Sunday, October 24, at the Kowloon Cricket Club starting at 3.30 p.m.
V.C. Labrum, E. Abraham, S.A. Gray and F. Goodwin (skip).
H. Gittins, D. Green, A.J. Kew and G.S. Rossett (skip).
W.J. Keates, H.T. Burch, V.E. Skinner and J. Orem (skip).
H. Tindall, C.J. Merritt, T.E. Baker and T.A. Madar (skip).
S.B. Trueman, W. Chalm, T. Lock and E.C. Fincher (skip).
A.C. Tribble, L. Bones, Geo. Leo and A.E.F. Guest (skip).

BOWLS RESULTS

Two games in the Quarter-finals of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship were played off yesterday and resulted as follows—
At KBCC
C. S. Rossett beat J. S. Landolt 21-13.
At CCC
L. Sykes beat S. Yusuf 21-12.

School Football Starting Again

(E. D.)
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Results At A Glance

SECOND DIVISION
Navy 8 Solitaires C. O. South China 4 Club
P.C.A. v St. Joseph's
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Navy Beat Solitaires By 8 Goals

Only two games were played in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League yesterday afternoon, the match between P.C.A. and St. Joseph's being postponed.

At Causeway Bay, Navy had another field day at the expense of Solitaires' Clerks whom they trounced by eight clear goals. Ruffery was in fine fettle for the sailors and scored five goals for his side, the other scorers being Brown (2) and Jones (1).

The match between South China and Club at Caroline Hill which was played at a fast pace and evenly contested throughout resulted in a win for the Chinese by four goals to one.

Club enjoyed as much of the play as their opponents, but their forwards lacked finishing and it was in this department that the Chinese were more superior. At half time, Club were leading by one goal to nil, McKenzies netting with a brilliant shot early in the game.

On resumption, the Chinese immediately gained the equaliser and went on to score the remaining three goals at regular intervals. The Club did more of the attacking, but their forwards fumbled chances.

Today's Soccer

SECOND DIVISION
Teamways v K.M.B. (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee: J. Day.
Talkin v C.A.A. (Club, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee: N. Deighton.
University v Kitcher (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.)
Referee: W. Joelling.
W.L. Chinese (bye).

BOWLS LINE-UP

KCC v HVB
The following will represent the Committee and Members in a friendly bowls match on Sunday, October 24, at the Kowloon Cricket Club starting at 3.30 p.m.
V.C. Labrum, E. Abraham, S.A. Gray and F. Goodwin (skip).
H. Gittins, D. Green, A.J. Kew and G.S. Rossett (skip).
W.J. Keates, H.T. Burch, V.E. Skinner and J. Orem (skip).
H. Tindall, C.J. Merritt, T.E. Baker and T.A. Madar (skip).
S.B. Trueman, W. Chalm, T. Lock and E.C. Fincher (skip).
A.C. Tribble, L. Bones, Geo. Leo and A.E.F. Guest (skip).

BOWLS RESULTS

Two games in the Quarter-finals of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship were played off yesterday and resulted as follows—
At KBCC
C. S. Rossett beat J. S. Landolt 21-13.
At CCC
L. Sykes beat S. Yusuf 21-12.

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MAN FOUND DEAD AT CASTLE PEAK

A man was found lying dead on the side of Castle Peak Road near Au Tau yesterday morning by the police.

The body had two fresh bullet wounds—one in the head and the other in the back.

Murder is suspected by the police who were last night following up clues supplied by villagers in the neighbourhood.

The case for the crown was that the accused was one of the party of men which assaulted PC185 and later robbed Wu.

LINEN CHEST SHOP ROBBER

Goods to the value of more than HK\$5,000 were stolen from the Linen Chest Shop at No. 3, Chater Road during Tuesday night.

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